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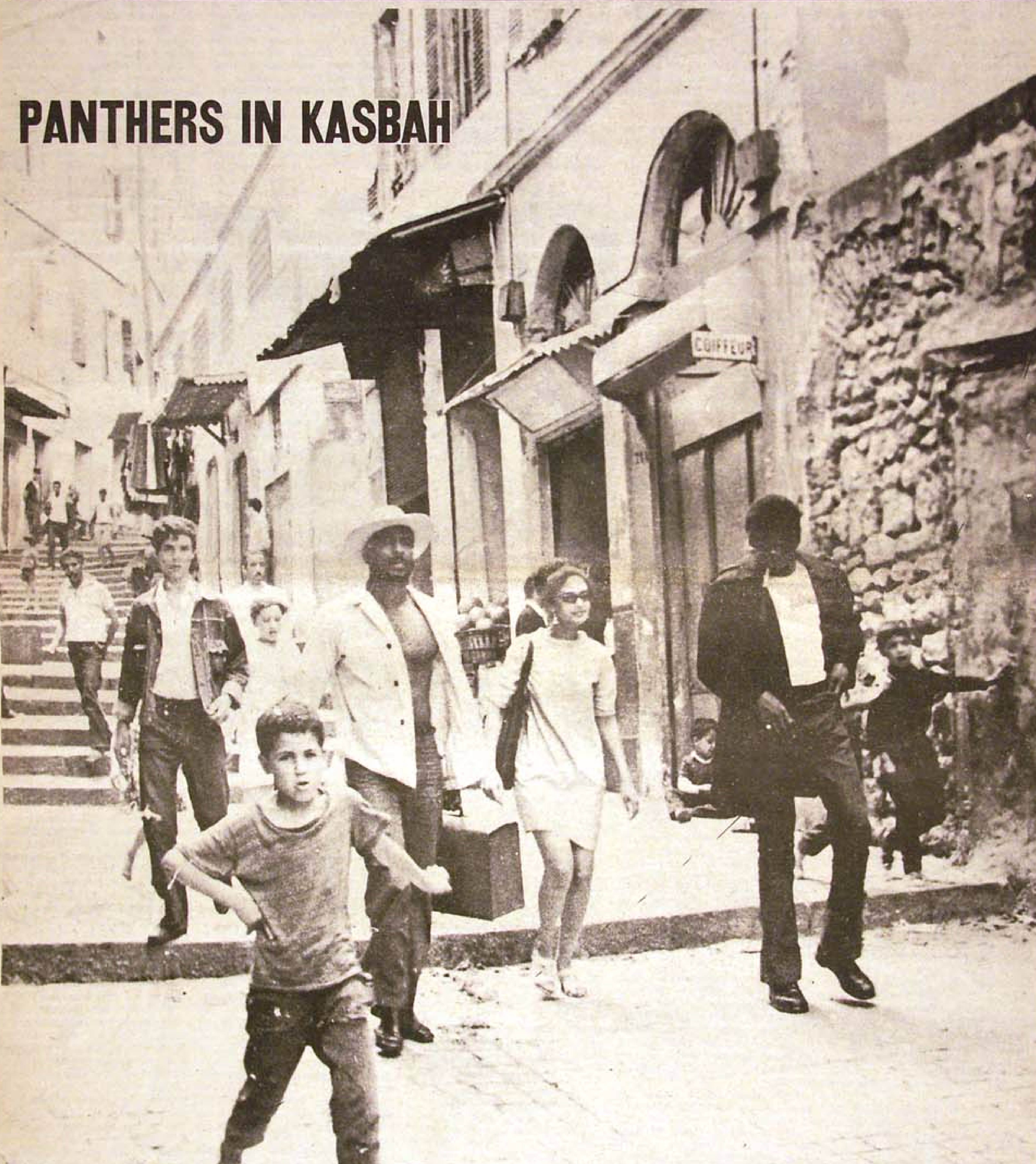
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AL FATH SPEAKS

(Reprinted from "Free Palestine")

The following is the first part of an interview recently given to "Free Palestine" in Canada by a representative of the Palestine National Liberation Movement, Fatah.

QUESTION: It is noticed that increased initiative has been recently taken in order to achieve a so-called "political" or "peaceful" settlement to the Middle East conflict. This has been most marked in the efforts of the Big Four. Could you clarify to us Fatah's position regarding these efforts?

ANSWER: I would first like to thank "Free Palestine" for giving me the opportunity to transmit the ideas of the Palestine National Liberation Front (Fatah) to the great American people...There are those who think that Fatah is against a peaceful settlement, but the truth is that we are not against peaceful methods in resolving our conflict, so long as they bring about the radical transformation that is demanded. We reject the peaceful settlement sought by the Big Four powers because it will not involve this radical change based on justice in the area. Furthermore, and by way of illustration, it will be recalled that in April of 1949, the Arabs held direct negotiations with the Zionists in Lauzannes, Switzerland. These were concluded by the signing of the famous Lauzannes Protocole which involved recognition of Israel, agreed boundaries, and an agreement to set up two states in Palestine that would cooperate with each other economically, politically, and militarily. Furthermore, it was agreed that the Palestinian refugees would return to their lands and that the 1948 General Assembly Partition Plan, passed roughly a year earlier, would be implemented. With these stipulations, and on the basis of the Lauzannes Protocole signed by the Arabs and the Israelis, Israel entered the UN But no sooner had it done so, thereby achieving its aim, than it violated the Lauzannes Protocole and refused to return the land not allotted to it under partition, in addition to refusing the refugees the right of return. Clearly therefore, we have a bitter experience that is a constant reminder of the failure of peaceful methods such as this in solving the problem.

We are not fighting against Judaism and the existence of Jews in Palestine, but we are fighting against the foreign, racist, Zionist existence in the area. If the Big Four powers can guarantee the elimination of Zionist existence from Palestine by peaceful means, we are ready to accept. However, what we do not accept is a peaceful settlement which implies Arab surrender to the Israelis. Therefore we believe we have to fight in order to be able to speak from the vantage point of the strong who wish to impose justice. The people of Palestine have suffered immeasureable hardship and therefore cannot inflict injustice and suffering in the future. The Big Four powers seek to obtain zones of influence in the area. We reject this kind of logic. What we are ready to accept is a unified Palestinian state, a progressive democratic state in the area where Jews, Moslems, and Christians live side by side. We are willing to cooperate with anyone who can achieve this solution peacefully. However, I regret to say, Zionism -- by virtue of its psychological structure can never accede to such a solution, for it entails, in effect, its elimination. Such was the case with Nazism previously, for although Hitler had strained the strategic military range of his forces beyond their capacity, he could not resist the racist Nazi concept with its associated craving for power. He therefore proceeded to expand further until he finally fell. By the same token, we cannot expect to come to grips with Zionism except through the pursuit of violence. This is in essence our stand with respect to peace or war in the area.

QUESTION: There are many who fail to comprehend the actual role that Fatah is playing in bringing about a resurgence of the Palestinian entity. They consider that Fatah is an organization of fighters whose aim is to teach the Palestinians to carry arms. Could you therefore clarify to us the actual role that Fatah has played?

ANSWER: There are many who fail to understand the role that armed revolution plays in the rebuilding of nations. We in the movement of Fatah clearly maintain that in the present circumstances we are not as much in need of a progressive movement as we are of a movement that will unite the Palestinian people in the pursuit of armed struggle. By way of analogy, it is observed that water before a dam can never produce electricity, while water placed behind the dam is capable of providing power although the nature of the water remained unchanged. All that changed however was its location. The Arab, and especially the Palestinian people had always been before the dam so to speak, and thus were not in a position to be productive.

Therefore we in Fatah do not claim that we are a party in the sense of possessing a specific ideology. Rather we insist on the word "movement," because we believe this dynamic movement will achieve the following aims:

1) The placement of the Palestinian people in the proper revolutionary environment.
2) The elimination of the contradictions present among the people as a result of the struggle previously waged unsuccessfully by the Arab parties.
3) The achievement of some sort of economic stability for the Arab people, and the establishment of some form of unity between Palestine and the neighbouring Arab countries. The struggle for the liberation of Palestine will necessarily bring this about.

Then, the Palestinian people, and the Arab people in general, will be in a position of accepting progressive thought and of moving forward. We have the utmost conviction that every struggling people creates its ideology by virtue of it struggle. Therefore it is the resolution that creates revolutionaries. We were in a position where we could have stood up anywhere in the Arab world and called upon the Arab people to move forward while feeding them with plenty of hope. However, in order that the Arab people rid themselves of the gun, they must learn to use it first. Subsequently, they will find appropriate circumstances for them to live and prosper in.

Many had tried to pursue a path other than Fatah's. By doing so, they wasted fifteen years of struggle the Arab people could have otherwise waged. Had we recognized the nature and meaning of the phase of national liberation, we would have by now achieved great strides.

National liberation movements pass through two phases: the first of national liberation, and the second, of the liberation of man. We are now passing through the first phase which, by virtue of the participation of the entire people in the process of national liberation will result in the ability of the people to liberate themselves.

This is the logic we have learned from history. Anyone who does not believe in this logic would be acting against the stream of history.

QUESTION: What is the position of Fatah with regard to unity of the Palestinian effort and unity of the liberation organizations? How has this been related to the events which led to Fatah's takeover of the leadership in the Palestine Liberation Organization?

ANSWER: We in Fatah are convinced that for any revolution to succeeed, it must:

1) Adhere to the principle that armed struggle is the only path toward achieving the aims of the revolution.
2) Seek to achieve the following objectives:
   a)the building of a movement that will constitute the backbone of mass action.
   b)the building of a national unity.

We believe in national unity from a strategic standpoint and not from a tactical one. It is impossible for a revolution to face the enemy forces unless it unifies all the resources of the people. This concept drives us to seek out the principal contradiction and to set aside all the secondary contradictions -- despite their importance, for a secondary contradiction results in a splitting of the people's ranks whereas the principal contradiction -- in our case the confrontation with the external enemy --leads to unity of action. However, our belief in unity of action does not imply that we would accede to an inept and unproductive unity; it should be an active and effective one where the factions involved are capable of waging armed struggle and address themselves to the principal contradiction while shelving the secondary ones.



YASER ARAFAT SURROUNDED BY PALESTINIAN SCHOOL CHILDREN FROM BAIT AL-MAKD ES SCHOOL

We in Fatah have long studied this matter, and have come to realize that the best means to achieve national unity is by considering the National Palestinian Council as the representative body of the Palestinian people in which all factions are represented, with the added condition that the majority of them believe in armed struggle and its active pursuit.

In the light of the preceding, Fatah refused to occupy fifty percent of the seats in the Council but insisted on occupying one third. Thus we are in no position to act alone. This is how unity is brought about, for unity of action implies sharing in the action. On the other hand, when we constitute one third of the representation, the other groups cannot ignore our presence and the role we play. In fact, there have been promising preliminary successes in the Palestine Liberation Organization. We have been able to establish an armed struggle command which possesses an operations room shared by the various fighting units within its fold. We hope that in the near future the Armed Struggle Command will play the leading role in the armed struggle. We also hope to restructure the National Palestinian Council in order that it may become more effective than it is now.

QUESTION: Does Fatah seek to establish information centers and political offices in the world at large in order to more effectively disseminate the principles of the Palestine revolution, and to help clarify the true nature of the struggle in the Middle East which is today being more readily understood, especially by progressive groups?

ANSWER: Actually, this issue is under study at the present time. We in Fatah believe that in the world at large we must depend in large measure on progressive movements, for this is the most effective and dependable method for action. We do not intend these centers as mere platforms; we seek to mobilize the masses of the people behind us, and we are at present deeply involved in studying ways and means by which progressive peoples in the world-- peoples that have suffered oppression and that believe in the necessity for destroying colonialism and imperialism in the world -- can stand by us and can contribute in their turn to a just solution of the Palestine problem.

If we discover that the establishing of offices is demanded, we shall act accordingly. Otherwise, we shall adopt the method that we find most convincing and effective.

QUESTION: How is Fatah benefiting from the experiences of other revolutions that have been and continue to be waged by peoples of the world against imperialism and exploitation?

ANSWER: This is a matter of prime importance for Fatah, and to which it devotes much attention. Accordingly, we have always seized opportunities, wherever and whenever they presented themselves, to send delegations to all areas of the world where revolutionary struggle has been waged. These delegations have had varied responsibilities ranging from observation and fact-finding, to studying and training in the assigned areas.

We are, in fact, studying each of these revolutions, with the objective of evoking those revolutionary laws that activate the revolutionary process. We cannot study a revolutionary experience and expect to apply it in toto to our revolution, for each revolution has its particular circumstances. There are those who fight in vast and open terrain, there are those who fight amid the shelter of trees, and there are those who fight in good topographic conditions. In our case, circumstances are different from those of all other revolutions in the world. But, undoubtedly, there are revolutionary laws that are generally applicable, for we know for instance that each revolutionary experience must depend on the masses. It is therefore important that we study the means by which the masses can be activated, and what dependence in the masses signifies. Our comrades are sent abroad to study this law. We also adhere to the principle that every revolutionary experience in the world is based on the principle that arms are an important factor in warfare. However, the human element is the decisive factor. How can man's role as the decisive factor in the revolution be precipitated? How can the masses be brought to have faith in the revolution? These are some of the questions the answers to which are provided and duly applied through our interactions with, and studies of, successful revolutions. A source of singular benefit to us have been those missions undertaken to all countries that have been liberated by means of people's war. These missions have also served to win the support of these countries for our cause -- a matter which is of utmost importance to us, and in which we take great pride.

QUESTION: Some Arab governments have recently instituted what they choose to call commando organizations. What is Fatah's stand on this matter, and don't you regard such action as bringing about division in commando ranks?

ANSWER: We say it in all frankness that we consider such a step to be symptomatic of disease resulting from a misconception of the true meaning of the revolution in the occupied land. But we have great faith that the awareness of the masses will make the governments concerned recognize that such action is a mistake. We in Fatah can find no justification today for the existence of any new movement if in fact it aims to pursue armed struggle in Palestine and to freeze contradictions in order to wage the the battle of liberation.

"No Gentlemen. This is no terrorism; this is Resistance."

Nevertheless, this phenomenon reflects the great success that Fatah has achieved by adhering to the principle of armed struggle. As a result, every Arab today who seeks to take action in the area recognizes that unless he adopts Fatah's methods in addressing the masses, he cannot expect to rally them behind him. We therefore welcome such a phenomenon from this angle! We are confident that our movement is based on the masses of the people and that our leadership has emerged from the turmoil of the bitter experiences of the past. We are therefore confident that we will provide solutions for this phenomenon in the future.

QUESTION: Would you comment on the recent events in Lebanon and their consequences, in particular with regard to their implications for the commando movement?

ANSWER: Lebanon is a country loved by all Arabs, especially Palestinians -- it is the country that has opened its borders to two hundred thousand Palestinian refugees since 1948. But we in Fatah believe that Lebanon is so situated that it cannot avoid a confrontation with world Zionism and its embodiment in Palestine. We further believe that the Zionist enemy is making plans and focusing on the Litani river waters and South Lebanon. We in Fatah are not prepared to wait until the Zionists take over South Lebanon, and thereafter to indulge in eulogizing it in the United Nations and in talking of the necessity for regaining it. The main cause for the events that transpired in Lebanon is that the country had not adapted to the revolutionary situation that we sought to place it in. It is indeed regrettable that all those who had previously dealt with Arab problems always spoke of a special status for Lebanon. At present however, and particularly since the attack on Beirut Airport, there has been a marked transformation with t[illegible] intention of taking precaution[illegible] measures against the loss of S[illegible] Lebanon. Those who believe [illegible] the demonstrators in Leban[illegible] rose in protest aga[illegible] of commando bas[illegible] were Palestinian[illegible] taken. The ma[illegible] Lebanese youth[illegible]nsib[illegible] marily involv[illegible]se pri[illegible] Lebanon will [illegible] protes[illegible] live in abnor[illegible] learn to after which t[illegible]nstances problems. J[illegible] no more the same p[illegible] through ago, and n[illegible] and a half pursuit of a[illegible]ted to the the daily ac[illegible]ggle and to other form[illegible]ardments and [illegible]ack.

AL FATH FREEDOM FIGHTERS

THE SUFFERING and frustration of the Palestinian people over the years gave rise to a new truly popular dynamic Palestinian Liberation Movement. This underground Movement expressed the people's belief that there can be no resolution other than through their own concerted efforts. The Movement was started in 1956 by young Palestinians during the temporary occupation of the Gaza Strip by Israeli forces.

The Movement is composed of two bodies - a political bureau known as "Al Fath", and "Al assifa", her military wing.

"Al Fath" consists of all Palestinian elements and political-interest groups. It strives to mobilize and synthesize their potentials. All her members must be able to face military duty, and have genuine faith in the struggle for independence, no matter how long it may take. They must be willing to sacrifice their lives for their country's cause.

The basic strategy of the Movement is:

1. There should be an awareness of the Palestinian Problem on the regional, national and international levels.

II. There should be an adoption of the following credos in the context of a revolutionary framework:

a.) The commando as the nucleus of the liberation Movement;

b.) The unification of efforts towards establishing a supporting front;

III. It should be understood that the fight against Israel is waged on the grounds that Israel is an aggressive, expanding foe and that Israel is a confirmed tool of imperialism in the Middle East.

"Al Fath" has and will always insist that the military wing "Al Assifa", is not operating against any particular faith. Palestine has consisted for centuries of Arabs belonging to the Moslem, Christian, Jewish and other faiths. Harmony has always prevailed between these groups in Palestine.

"Al Fath" does NOT intend to "push the Jews into the sea". Its resistance and struggle remain solely against the milignant Zionist regime which has usurped, pillaged, expelled, and terrorized Palestine's native Arabic speaking inhabitants. Israel has so far been the cause of persecution and aggression against over one and a half million refugees. It has left them to destitution and misery and until these refugees are back it should be understood that the Palestinians will sacrifice until victory.



Members pass through strict periods of military traning. They are given protection in three main ways:

1. General membership protection. The members' rights and privileges, to voice their opinions, are guaranteed and can only be rescined by a high military court.

2. Political. The Movement takes personal care of all its members and, should need arises, provides lawyers to defend them in any court.

3. Economic Assistance. In case of imprisonment or death, "Al Fath" takes care of all the families and financial obligations of its members.

The bulk of "Al Fath" funds come from Palestian cources, while the rest are primarily from individuals throughout the Arab World.

The armed wing "Al Assifa" organizes guerrilla warefare against the occupying enemy in Palestine. Its first news communique was released on January 1st, 1965, since then, nearly 160 bulletins have been issued. Raids that cut Israeli communication lines, sabotaged their industries, and destroyed strategic military installations (from paramilitary kibbutzim, railway, to electric power plants) have all been reported by these news communiques.

The purpose of "Al Assifa" is to destroy the economic, military, social, and political structure of "Israel", as well as bring world attention to the right of the dispossessed, uprooted and displaced Palestinian people.

RIBHI MOHAMMAD

Having finished his courses in a technical school in Ammam, Ribhi Mohammed recieved a scholarship to continue his studies in mechanical engineering at a university in Stuttgart in West Germany. After the June war, he realized that there was a more demanding responsibility for him - the liberation of his native homeland, Palestine. He joined Al-Assifa and became one of the freedom-fighters in Palestine.

On the battle field, Ribhi proved himself as another legend of bravery. In his engagements with the enemy, Ribhi was always daring and his sense of sacrifice went to such extremes that his life became the symbol of the unselfish endeavour for the cause of liberation. After many engagements with the enemy, it was in "El-Karameh" that Ribhi, after using all his ammunition, performed his last act of heroism and self-sacrifice by blowing a highly explosive belt tied around his waist under an enemy tank killing many of the enemy soldiers and destroying the tank.

MAZEN ABU GHAZALE

Mazen Abu Ghazale was always the quiet thoughtful fellow sensitive to everything that took place around him; and yet, he was that profound thinker involved in the most serious intellectual issues. As a student of engineering at Cairo University, he was always seeking ways in which he could be helpful to his country's cause. The burden of occupation of his native land, Palestine, was a heavy load on his conscience. After the June war he became one of the leading figures of the Resistance Movement "Al Assifa".

In September 1967, three months after the war, he was engaged, together with fourteen of his friends, in a pitched-battle with the enemy forces near Toubas in the West Bank of the Jordan River. For three days they resisted the far superior Israeli forces with undying vigour. Finding that their ammunition was nearly finished and that the enemy soldiers were all around them Mazen, to divert the attention of the Israelis in order to cover the retreat of his friends, took hold of live-grenades and plunged into lines blowing himself and several others of enemy soldiers to pieces.

WILLIAM NASSAR

The son of a Palestian Christian father and a Palestinian Jewish mother, William Najib Nassar devoted his life for the liberation of his homeland, the Occupied Palestine.

A former student at Haigazian College in Beirut and later at one of the engineering institutes in West Germany, William joined the Palestine Liberation Movement (Al Fath). He was assigned the responsibility of contacting the Palestinian youth in Germany and preparing them for the struggle against the Israeli Intelligence who tried to influence him to stop his activities through relatives of his mother. All their efforts failed to undermine his conviction and determination to liberate his homeland. Failing in this mission, the Israelis tried to kidnap him but failed.

After the kidnaping incident, William joined the military wing of Al Fath and became a commando freedom fighter in the Al Assifa forces. His enthusiasm and bravery won him admiration of all his colleagues and speeded his promotion to the rank of a lieutenant. Later, he was sent to North Vietnam for a special taining program in guerilla warfare. Upon his return, he was appointed a commander of unit 28 that was responsible for the district of Jerusalem.

In March 1968, and after a fierce battle near Ramallah (18 miles north of Jerusalem), William was seriously wounded and was taken as a prisoner. He was mentally and physically tortured and later was sentenced to life imprisonment.

WORLD PRESS SAYS

A Just Fight

When French men and women formed themselves into resistance groups to embarrass and resist the German forces occupying their land, we hailed them (quite rightly, I believe) as heroes and heroines. Why therefore must Palestinians, who try to do the same thing against enemy forces occupying their land, be referred to as "terrorists" and "saboteurs"?

Surely they are only doing what brave men always, do, whose country lies under the heel of a conqueror?

Yours faithfully,
(Lady Fisher of Lambeth)
Trent Rectory, Sherborne, Dorset.

"The London Times", March 26, 1968

The guerillas now emerging are no longer the paid thugs who often formed the "fedayeen" of earlier years, but politically-motivated, often of good education. A relatively high proportion are Christian Arabs. The military arm of Al Fatah is said to be composed of two electrical engineers, two electronics specialists and two mathematicians.

Robert Stephens

"The Observer", London, March 31,1968

Al Fatah bows to nobody; its neutralism is Arab politics is less a matter of balancing than of efficiency.

"The Economist", January 13, 1968

Assifa's storm troopers have little in common with the illiterate and ill-equipped irregulars who used to sneak into Israel. Roughly half of them are college graduates or students, and all are rotated regularly in and out of their civilian jobs, a practice that makes guerilla fighting more attractive and assures Assifa penetration into all levels of civilian life.

Edward Hughes

"Time" Magazine, March 29, 1968

ELDRIDGE WARMLY RECIEVED BY THE PEOPLE OF ALGIERS

ALGIERS

The passionately anti-Israeli Young Arabs of Algiers cheered new heros today: members of the American Black Panther party.

The cheers rang after the black militant party's information minister, Eldridge Cleaver, praised the Arab commando movement and denounced Israel as an American "puppet and pawn."

Hundreds of admiring Algerians gathered in the street when Cleaver appeared at the new Afro-American Information Center here. There were chants of "Power to the People" and "Al Fatah will win."

CENTER

Dressed in an orange African shirt, Cleaver made his remarks at the opening of the two-floor center, which is support by the Algerian government and lavishly stocked the Black Panther-pamphlets and posters.

Cleaver disappeared from the United States eight months ago. He reappeared here to attend a 12-day Pan-African cultural festival that the Algerian government is staging.

Relaxing and in good humor, Cleaver appeared later standing at the right hand of a high official of Al Fatah, the Arab guerrilla organization, who made an appeal for African support against Israel. The official, who declined to be identified for publication, addressed a crowd of African and other journalists in the flag-hung villa that serves as Al Fatah's headquarters here.

FRONT

In a question - and - answer session that was interrupted by applause, the Al Fatah official asserted that Israeli economic aid to Africa was a false front for American attempts to exert neocolonialist influence.

Cleaver expressed similar views while surrounded by an admiring throng in the sweltering information center. Flanked by other Black Panther leaders, he asserted "the United States uses the Zionist regime that usurped the land of the Palestinian people as a puppet and pawn."

"We recognize that the Jewish people have suffered," he continued, but he said this suffering should not be used to justify suffering by Arabs now.



On display in the center's sho window was a Black Panther cartoon saying "Racist Ethnic Groups Battle for Pig Power" in the United States. These groups were identified as the Italians, Irish, Anglo-Saxons and Jews.

Cleaver, who is 33, disappeared from the United States while he was out on $50,000 bail after being indicted on charges arising from a shooting fray.

He has been joined here by the Black Panther party's culture minister, Emory Douglas, and its chief of staff, David Hilliard. The party's former prime minister, Stokely Carmichael, is also attending the festival but he did not appear at the center yesterday. He has been strongly criticized by Cleaver and others for resigning abruptly from the organization.

New York Times

LETTER TO CHAIRMAN SEALE

August 1, 1969
Mr. Bobby Seale
Chairman
Black Panther Party
3106 Shattuck Avenue
Berkeley, California 94705

Dear Mr. Seale,

The National Conference for a United Front Against Fascism was for me a most stimulating and enlightening experience. My wife and I are very glad that the opportunity was given us to attend and participate. I hope the address I delivered made some small contribution to the unity which must be established before the growing threat of Fascism can be encountered with any hope of success.

There is one matter about which I feel that I must inquire -- and you are the one person qualified to inform me. This troubling problem arises out of the interview given in Algiers by Eldridge Cleaver. He was directly and widely quoted in the news media as supporting the Arab commando movement and making common cause with El Fatah. Herewith is a photostat of the report which appeared in the "San Francisco Chronicle" July 23, 1969.

Since the Arab guerrilla movement's objective, as often announced, is the destruction of the State of Israel and its inhabitants (more than two million Jews), I am deeply concerned -- as a Jew, a Rabbi and a human being.

Does the position taken by Eldridge Cleaver in Algiers now reflect the attitude of the Black Panther Party? Although Black Panther literature has revealed suspicion of the State of Israel, and opposition to its political alignment, the dramatic espousal of Arab commandos by Eldridge Cleaver seems to indicate an intensification of anti-Israel feeling.

In view of my support of the Black Panther Party as expressed at the Conference, I'may find it necessary further to clarify my position. I realize that cooperation with the Black Panther Party against the menace of Fascism is unconditional, and certainly not dependent on agreement with all of its policies. Yet the pro-Arab stance taken by Eldridge Cleaver in Algiers is not something I can ignore.

Much could be written here about the illogicality and inconsistency of an active anti-Israel attitude on the part of an organization or individuals engaged in the struggle against Fascism --especially when the danger of a second genocide against the Jewish people is involved. Your own profound understanding, sense of justice, keen intelligence and masterful, courageous leadership -- as demonstrated so clearly at the Conference -- must, I am sure, impel you fully to examine the situation.

Please take time to send me a reasonably comprehensive reply to this letter. A statement from you commenting on the Eldridge Cleaver interview and its relation to Black Panthers generally, and to the Party, is a matter of great importance.

With warm good wishes and trusting to hear from you soon, I am
Abraham L. Feinberg

P.S. I send you this letter as an individual -- not as a spokesman or representative of, or in consultation with, any person or group other than myself.

MEDICINE AND FASCISM EQUALS DEATH FOR OPPRESSED PEOPLE

In the United States, many things contribute to the generally poor health conditions of oppressed people: the low quality food and merchandise sold by the greedy avaricious businessman, wretched housing, which the lying politicians said would be corrected; the fascist pig cop, beating poor folks to death; and finally, the doctors, those men of medicine, who kill more people directly or indirectly than car accidents, pigs and the whole lot. Yes, the doctors, who grow filthy rich off this diseased capitalist society.

The cost of medical care is ridiculously high to begin with, and for the poor service, it's outrageous. Many poor people spend their food money or rent money to pay for the lousey service from the doctors, who are nothing more than avaricious businessmen with a much-needed commodity. A person has to be rich to get sick these days; and if you're rich, when you get sick, you'll be poor just like the rest of us when the doctors, nurses, hospitals and pharmacies get through with you.

Why is it that a doctor will demand 10 to 15 dollars or more for an office visit, just the visit? Why? Because they aren't running a service for the people, they're running a RACKET on the people. They're capitalizing on the sickness in this country and the rich get richer while the poor get poorer. Nurses are in on it too. People who need special nurses in their home would many times do better by just living in a hospital. Then again, when you look at the bullshit that goes on in the hospitals, you wonder -- where can a sick person go and not be butchered? The places are very few and quite far between. Is a private hospital better than a county hospital? In many cases, NO. One just offers a more expensive and luxurious butchering than the other. In one, you know you're being butchered; in the other, you don't. And don't believe that bull about "What you don't know won't hurt you," because in a hospital or doctor's office, it certainly will. In speaking of butchering, I mean not only the physical dissection, but also the economic butchering, which cuts deep into the pocket.

A lot of hospitals have a bureaucratic habit of sending sick people, especially emergencies, through a lot of red tape. You can die in the "emergency room" of the best equipped hospitals in the country while the idiots at the admission desk want to know where your mother was born. You almost need to carry a pocket history of your life when you go to the hospital. And if you think they'll look at you if you don't have health insurance, welfare (two more rackets) or MONEY -- well, you're wrong.

To stay in many hospitals is actually another form of incarceration. You wake up when the wardens wake you up, and you sleep when they say sleep. Eating is the same way, and the food is often no better than what they dish out in the jailhouse.

Another aspect of being in the hospital, or being an out patient is the point of being experimented upon. People are turned into mere guinea pigs because the real pigs the exploiting doctors and hospitals don't give a damn about HUMAN LIFE. Often, when you see 'hospital-tested' on a medicine or product, it simply means they used it on some human being who didn't know what the hell was going on. Beware of the doctor who gives a prescription and tells you to call tomorrow and let him know if you have any side effects, especially if he says it's a new drug, fresh on the market. Doctors get paid to test new medicines. So why not test them on PEOPLE, and get paid double? Yes, they do it, and it happens many times a day. In essence, the hypocritical oath they take to become doctors becomes the hypocritical oath by their practice, which is the real criterion of truth.

We can't forget the corner drug store or downtown pharmacy that sells a low-quality prescription for double its worth. Often the dope available on the streets is of a better quality and may even cost less than in the drug store. Pharmacists have been known to take the labels off patent medicines and claim them as being the prescribed formula. Then they slap their own label on and jack up the price. Doctors prescribe the most expensive medicines for the simplest illnesses because they get a percentage off the price of the medicine. Hospitals which house pharmacies make a mint. but the convenience offered is nothing compared to the prices charged.

It's all part of this fascist power structure. The doctors, nurses, hospitals, pharmacies, and all the lot are not the health service of America, they are the DEATH RACKET! All are doing their best to maintain this decadent capitalist system which we know is wrong. They all represent the three components of fascism rolled into one; the doctor, who robs you blind, who would use his or her grandmother's bones to pry open you purse or pocket. He's the avaricious businessman, a liar and a subtle terrorist all in one. They lie to patients, exaggerating the illness then they intimidate people by telling them that if they don't take this expensive medicine or that proven cure the problem will get worse.

Yes, they're running a racket and it's up to us, the Black Panther Party, and the masses of the people to expose this and deal with it. It is up to the people to destroy capitalism, which is the real root of this evil - fascism. The hospitals are the testing grounds for these fascist experimenters. And when the era of open, exposed concentration camps dawns in America, that same testing will move from the "sanitary hospitals" to the filthy camps just as in Hitler's day, and age.

We must have a United Front against this medical fascism, because fascism is a REALITY in this day and age. It's also very unhealthy for humans and other living beings.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
DEATH TO THE PIGS

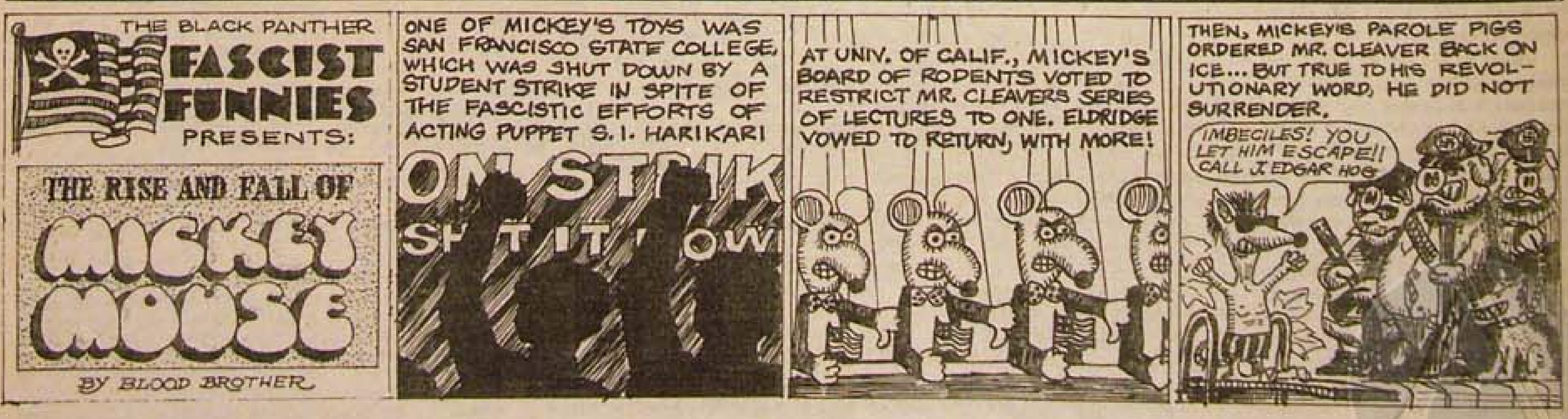
The spirit of the people is greater than medical technology.
Comrade Pam
August, 1969

TO MY BLACK BROTHERS

I would like to congragulate the editors and people responsible for putting this paper out. Everyone but the Uncle Toms (Negros) know that American newspapers print all kinds of propaganda and bullshit which tries to make the Panther Party look like our enemy.

The United States government (Nazis in disguise) are trying their best to exterminate black people, calling on their hired assasins who use gestapo tactics and march through our communities in storm troopers fashion. The Black Panther Party is our only hope of survival.

END FASCISM
Wayne D Harris
Brooklyn, N.Y.



ON ELDRIDGE CLEAVER BY KATHLEEN CLEAVER



I FIRST MET ELDRIDGE CLEAVER in Nashville, Tennessee, at a Black Student Conference held by SNCC at Fisk University in March 1967. I was then SNCC's campus program secretary and Eldridge was an invited speaker. What startled me most about him—a brilliant writer, an eloquently lucid speaker, as well as a tremendously handsome and magnetic person—was that he referred to himself as a "convict." Seeing him at the conference as he moved about with supreme confidence, an ease that approached elegance, and a dignified reserve that all combined to give him an air that could best be described as stately, it seemed hard to conceive of this powerful man as a "convict." He exuded strength, power, force in his very physical being. To think of such a man caged up and designated for the dungheap of history was impossible. In my blissful ignorance, Eldridge Cleaver seemed as remote from prison as the moon; he walked the earth like a king. On board the plane from Nashville to Washington, D.C., I wrote a passionate love poem to Eldridge called, "My King, I Greet You," my answer to his Open Letter to All Black Women from All Black Men titled: "My Queen, I Greet You."



My bliss far outlasted my ignorance concerning Eldridge's relationship to prison. Shortly after his arrival in Nashville, the nature of his status vis-à-vis prison began to come to light. He didn't explain to us what being on parole meant, but he couldn't leave Nashville for any side trips during the conference because he didn't have permission from his parole officer. And he couldn't stay any longer than 15 days without returning to California to get a new permission slip signed.

After the student riot broke out in Nashville on April 7, Eldridge was ordered by parole authorities to get on a plane and fly back to San Francisco immediately or be arrested by the Nashville police and have his parole revoked, meaning he would be returned to prison. The authorities' relentless attempts to cage Eldridge, whether by prison or parole, against his own driving determination to challenge them with his freedom—over the next two years I saw these two forces clash in irreversibly mounting, violent conflict.

Eldridge Cleaver's political career had begun in prison and his prison activities had won him the undying enmity of the officialdom of the entire state penitentiary system long before he became a target for higher state officials. After spending the first four years (from 1956 to 1960) of his last sentence in San Quentin's honor block, Eldridge left the favored conditions to join the Black Muslims. His friend Booker became the Minister and Eldridge the Assistant Minister of the San Quentin Mosque. Their efforts to organize and educate the black convicts in San Quentin were so explosive that by 1963, the prison officials had plotted their destruction. Booker was attacked by a group of white Nazis on the yard and while Eldridge was trying to protect him, the guards in the gun tower fired at them—the bullet went over Eldridge's shoulder and killed Booker.

Eldridge left the Muslims when Malcolm X was put out and then organized a political group called the African-American History and Culture Class to follow Malcolm X's teachings. Alprentice "Bunchy" Carter, later a Deputy Minister of Defense of the Black Panther Party who was assassinated at UCLA on January 17, 1969, was his second-in-command while they were in Soledad together. During a conversation last year, Bunchy told me that Eldridge essentially was held as a political prisoner the last five years he spent in prison. The only reason he was denied parole was his political activities. Eldridge could have stayed in the honor block for a couple of more years, kept silent, and gotten out on the streets with little trouble. But because he moved to deal with the problems of black convicts and black people, because he refused to submit to the well delineated role of slave, he became a victim of the most degrading, dangerous and destructive form of repression this society has devised—that sadistic, insane torture that prison officials visit upon the inmates with complete impunity. It was only Eldridge's tremendous strength which prevented him from being destroyed and broken in prison like the vast majority of convicts. When Malcolm X began to become nationally prominent, a federal directive was sent out to all prisons to watch out for Malcolm X types and destroy them. The prison officials attempted to give Eldridge shock treatment to destroy his mind, but he would fight them off and get dragged to the hole.

Once released on parole from Soledad on December 12, 1966, Eldridge immediately became a "special study case." He was required to see his parole officer once a week and all his movements were carefully watched, circumscribed and reported. The prison authorities had no intention of allowing Eldridge to live in peace nor to remain on parole for long; the only reason they finally agreed to release him was because they knew—or rather they thought—they could lock him back up whenever they decided to.

A parolee has no privacy, no rights, no independence. Eldridge's parole officer could enter his residence at any time for any reason. He had to submit "monthly reports" on his place of residence, his job, how much money he earned, what kind of car he drove, and so on. He had to receive permission to buy a car. He was not allowed to get married until he had been on parole for six months, and then he had to get a form signed restoring his civil right to marry. Their perversions and their control, both subtle and blatant, were endless. I soon had abundant opportunity to see why Eldridge had referred to himself as a convict when I met him.

ON JANUARY 16, 1968, ABOUT THREE A.M., the morning before a scheduled Panther rally, the San Francisco Tactical Squad kicked down the door to our apartment, barged in with drawn guns, and ransacked the place. We took that as a warning from the pigs. From then on the harassment of the Party intensified. And with Eldridge's role becoming increasingly important, especially in the Party's collaboration with the white radicals in the Free Huey movement, the focus of the pigs on Eldridge became sharper and clearer.

On April 6, Eldridge spoke at a rally on the Sproul Hall steps at Berkeley. I remember we were walking up Telegraph Avenue toward the campus; the sun was shining brightly and as I looked at Eldridge, with his black leather jacket gleaming in the sun, his black sweater, black pants, black shoes, black hair and black sunglasses, walking deliberately and thoughtfully up the street, he seemed to be cloaked in death. I felt an overpowering sense of dread that I could neither explain nor articulate; the thought flashed through my mind that this was the last time I would ever see Eldridge. But I quickly pushed the thought aside. Of course, we knew that death could come at any minute and we were always prepared to face the ultimate. Any minute Eldridge could be whisked back to the penitentiary—anything could happen.

That night I was waiting for Eldridge to come get me from a friend's house in Berkeley. We watched the 11:00 news and a report came on about a shoot-out with the Oakland police, but no names, no time, no location was given. I remembered my earlier premonition and shuddered, but I pushed it out of my mind again. I fell asleep on the couch by the phone. Many people tried to call me that night but I slept through the calls as if I were drugged. At five a.m., I finally awoke to receive a call from attorney Alex Hoffmann. He told me that Eldridge was in San Quentin and Bobby Hutton was dead.

I finally saw Eldridge at 11:00 a.m. on April 7 in the Vacaville, California, Medical Facility. He was in a wheelchair, completely covered with burns, bruises and cuts, and his foot was bandaged. Since the last time I had seen him, he had been trapped in a burning house on 12th Street in Oakland while a 50-man police assault filled it with 1000 rounds of ammunition; had seen the pigs shoot Bobby Hutton five times in the head and chest after he had surrendered with his hands in the air; had been arrested and beaten in the ambulance on the way to the hospital. He was treated for immediate wounds, whisked from the hospital, made to lie on the floor at the Alameda County Jail while he was perfunctorily booked, then rushed to San Quentin where the guard at the prison hospital refused to lift him up the stairs, threw him on the steps and told him to walk before he was admitted to the hospital. Then, early that morning, he was spirited off to Vacaville and placed in solitary confinement under maximum security. His face was bloated from tear gas and his eyes were swollen out of shape. His hair and beard were matted. The guards wheeled him into the attorney's room from his cell. I watched through the glass windows as he was wheeled down the hall—he looked like a captured giant, a battered war casualty, a caged king. During the past few months Eldridge had begun to refer to himself as the Minister of Information, but here he was, again a convict.

He was so drugged that he could hardly keep his head up or his eyes open. I was reading the reports of the shoot-out to him from the Oakland Tribune and his head kept falling down. I put my arms around his shoulders to support his neck, and every time his head fell on my shoulder, I would kiss him lightly on the forehead. This incensed the guards watching outside; they came in and forced me to sit on the other side of the table. In prison, even a kiss from a wife is against the rules.

After our visit, Alex Hoffmann managed to get Eldridge transferred from solitary confinement to the hospital, where his wounds could be treated. But there was always the fear that while he was in that prison hospital, the pigs could do something to him or give him something to destroy his mind. Vacaville is where men are turned into vegetables. During his entire stay in prison, Eldridge was kept in the Reception and Guidance Center at Vacaville. Usually, a convict is just processed there and then shipped out to another joint. The restrictions concerning visitors, possessions and communication are tightest during this period, and Eldridge was kept there for an indefinite time in order to isolate him from the Party and his friends. Not even an outside doctor was allowed, a privilege we attempted to secure to protect his life.

The two months Eldridge spent in Vacaville were a torture beyond recall. I seemed to live the entire time in a state of suspended animation, more dead than alive. Getting Eldridge out of prison was my sole concern. Chaos ensued in the Party. We were lurched into another dimension in time; Martin Luther King had been assassinated April 4 in Memphis and Bobby Hutton had been murdered April 6 in Oakland. Eldridge Cleaver had been wounded and returned to prison.

We initiated a mass campaign to get Eldridge released from prison where he was now confined as a parole violator, facing four years of his last sentence and life imprisonment if convicted on the new charges: three counts of assault with a deadly weapon and three counts of attempted murder. His parole had been revoked by telephone from Sacramento on the demand of the Oakland Police Department. There was no official written revocation of parole for days afterward. On May 8, the Adult Authority finally came up with the charges: possession of a gun, association with disreputable characters and refusal to cooperate with his parole officer. The first charge had yet to be decided in his court case in Alameda County; the last two were transparently spurious—the "characters of ill repute" were members of the Black Panther Party; the refusal to cooperate with his parole officer consisted of a phone call Eldridge allegedly didn't make to his parole officer in April to inform him that he had returned from New York. No date for a hearing with the Adult Authority was set and, apparently, none was even considered.

In May, however, a court hearing was obtained on a writ of habeas corpus filed by attorney Charles Garry. The hearing was held in the quiet, sunlit courtroom of the Solano County Courthouse. In contrast to the massive pig presence in the Alameda County Courthouse, where Eldridge was brought to court in an armored car with a motorcycle guard and accompanied by numerous armed guards, in Judge Sherwin's court he was accompanied by only three prison guards.

To the shock of everyone involved in our campaign to release Eldridge, Judge Raymond Sherwin granted the writ of habeas corpus on June 11, 1968. Paul Jacobs, Dr. Jane Aguilar, Godfrey Cambridge, Dr. Phillip Shapiro and Ed Keating were all there to assist with the $50,000 bail. The bonding company allowed us to put up $5000 in cash and accepted these people's signatures as collateral for the rest of the money.

To me it seemed as if this were a dream. I couldn't believe my eyes as I watched Eldridge being processed for release by the Solano County Sheriff's office. They brought him down the hall where a crowd of people waited to witness this unprecedented event. The sun in the valley had tanned Eldridge to a crisp reddish brown; he was very lean, having lost weight in the penitentiary, and his beard and mustache had been shaven. He looked ten years younger, and as one friend put it, rather "newborn." We drove back to San Francisco and held a brief press conference-celebration in Garry's office. When asked by reporters what his immediate plans were, Eldridge replied, "I want to get reacquainted with my wife."

On June 14, the Adult Authority held a secret meeting to plot their next move against Eldridge, now that their first ploy had been foiled by their own state courts. Huey Newton's trial began on July 15.

THE OPENING OF HIS TRIAL marked the culmination of all our intense efforts on every level toward mobilizing mass support for Huey P. Newton. Once the verdict was in, it would be clear exactly what course of action we would have to take.

Eldridge had staked his life on saying Huey from the gas chamber. He had said and written many times that Huey P. Newton would go to the gas chamber over his dead body. He meant every word of it.

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Every day following the 15th of July was a day closer to the showdown. The Adult Authority was working behind the scenes and in the courts every day to get Eldridge back behind bars. The local pigs, the FBI and the CIA were watching, listening, plotting and lurking around us in all kinds of guises. Eldridge wore the tension like a suit of mail, so heavy it jangled every time he moved. He was in constant motion, never relaxed, never off-guard for a second. He drove many different cars, stayed in many different places, was always on the way from one meeting or conference or appointment to the next, never stopping to rest. Wherever he passed out, he slept; wherever he was at mealtime, he ate. When he needed to change clothes, he'd buy them if he didn't have any with him. This had been Eldridge's pattern of living/organizing/surviving since the day Huey was shot, but now it was escalated to a fantastic pitch.

He traveled all over the city, state and country, demanding the release of Huey and the liberation of the black colony. Outside of working toward these goals, he had no life. His past was prison; his future was prison; the only arena Eldridge could work in was the present, the moment, the immediate reality. From being the key organizer and spokesman of the Free Huey movement, Eldridge moved to become its key victim. The brunt of the retaliation against the Party and against the mass movement involving thousands of people was being taken out on him because he was the most vulnerable, as well as the most valuable, motivator.

The courtroom drama unfolded week after week; and each week Eldridge was drawing larger crowds across the country in support of the demand that Huey P. Newton be set free.

In August, the presidential conventions were held. The parole authorities banned Eldridge from attending either the Democratic or the Republican Conventions, where he was to be sent by RAMPARTS as a journalist; it was only after threatening a major court battle that he was allowed to attend the Peace and Freedom Convention in Ann Arbor. Eldridge Cleaver was overwhelmingly voted in as the party's presidential candidate, defeating Dick Gregory, Dr. Spock and Eugene McCarthy by a long shot.



The nomination was added ammunition for Eldridge. Speaking engagements became even more numerous. Eldridge went everywhere he could get permission to go—to every state that had a Peace and Freedom Party or a Black Panther Party or a university where students wanted to hear him speak. Wherever he spoke, the demands for black liberation were articulated, elaborated and developed with passion, precision and the profound sense of commitment that made Eldridge Cleaver a giant in the land of midgets.

Since his release from Vacaville, Eldridge's speeches and manner of presentation had changed. Before he was sent back to prison, Eldridge was always the polite political organizer, speaking in terms of concepts and programs about the coalition and the machinery needed for revolution. After he was released from Vacaville his delivery became more passionate and personal; he spoke of his feelings, his experiences, his loves and hatreds, as well as the political concepts of revolution. It was after Vacaville that he started cursing in his speeches, cutting through a lot of intellectual bullshit to talk in the simplest terms about the basic reality confronting people.

Eldridge came out of Vacaville with a new awareness and a new sense of urgency. Huey's trial catapulted that awareness and urgency to the very brink. But most important, he came out with a new sense of connectedness to the people—everywhere, every kind, not just members of his own elite group. Eldridge spoke to the people about the people from the most universal and simple point of view, laying bare the hypocrisy created by the system to hide the truth. More and more people everywhere were listening to him, demanding to hear him, thinking about what he said, reading his book, supporting him. And this, more than anything else, is what made him dangerous to the establishment. For in the months following his release, Eldridge began to emerge clearly as a true leader of men across this country. His supporters could not be confined to a handful of Panthers or white radicals; they could not be limited to the college students or potheads: all of these and more, from every segment of society, from every ethnic group, could relate to what Eldridge was talking about on some level and agree with him on some points. He had begun to build an alternate source of power in the masses of his followers. For a black man to exercise this kind of genuine universal leadership was not only revolutionary for this country, but unprecedented.

The verdict on the Newton trial came in on September 8: guilty of manslaughter. It was a compromise verdict, but the basic objective of keeping Huey out of the gas chamber had been won. It was a resounding defeat for the establishment: even the jury rejected the official version of the pigs' story.

BEFORE THE DUST COULD SETTLE from the storm of Huey's trial, the California establishment created another issue to ram down the throats of the people and to vilify the Movement. A group of students and faculty at the University of California at Berkeley, the Committee for Participant Education, invited Eldridge to lecture on racism in a small experimental course, Social Analysis 139X.

Social Analysis 139X became the most controversial class in the history of the University, and it made Eldridge Cleaver a nationally celebrated victim of Ronald Reagan. Reagan, Rafferty and the state legislature couldn't wait to idiotically condemn the most socially acceptable endeavor in which Eldridge had ever participated.

Too much had happened in Berkeley and Alameda County for the governor to remain silent; the white youth had shown their mettle not only on the campuses but also at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. The fight against radical white youth, for whom Berkeley was Mecca, and against revolutionary black youth, for whom Eldridge Cleaver was a saint, was on. The newspapers were filled with the ramblings of high-placed officials about the sanctity of education and the wisdom of age. The youth answered in the streets.

In the heat of the UC controversy, the final bombshell exploded. On September 27, the day Huey Newton was sentenced and spirited away to Vacaville, the State Court of Appeals rendered its decision on Eldridge's release from Vacaville: he had 60 days to return to prison. The verdict here was no less political than the Newton jury's verdict—and no less of a compromise. Giving Eldridge a 60-day notice to return to prison was an admission from the courts of their fear of locking him up as well as their fear of leaving him on the streets. It was as if the state had given him 60 days to get out of town.

The decision, which I had been prepared to hear ever since Eldridge was released, left a deadened feeling in the pit of my stomach. There was no question in my mind about Eldridge's returning to prison; not only would it have been, as he said, the trip that breaks a man, but the trip would have destroyed me. I could not possibly be a witness, an accomplice in the total degradation and planned assassination of my husband which would have resulted from his return to prison. Committing suicide would have been easier. We both knew Eldridge could never go back to prison, could never negate all he had ever done and said, the life he had begun to live so fervently, so passionately, so dynamically, and most clearly of all, so completely revolutionarily.

It was impossible to conceive of returning to prison. The only question was how and when to move—but somehow, neither of us could accept the 60 days as a serious threat. If the state wanted Eldridge in prison, there were easier and more certain ways of getting him there. It was clear from the nature of the decision that their next move would be dependent on Eldridge's response to their threat.

What went on in Eldridge's mind once he heard the decision, I never knew; he rarely discussed it. We could not discuss it. We could only act. What Eldridge wanted was to precipitate a final showdown with the Adult Authority. If he hadn't been ambushed that April 6 and had his parole revoked, he would have been eligible for a discharge from parole in December. Now he had to return to prison on November 27. Regardless of whether or not we discussed November 27, it was the overwhelming reality that cast a pall over everything. Truly, the pigs had set a deadline on Eldridge. Our life became more chaotic than it had ever been, so chaotic that the tremendous chaos which had preceded the September decision now seemed like a joyride.

I watched Eldridge daily grow increasingly tense, harassed and paranoid. I saw less and less of him as his schedule became tighter, his time shorter. One day he bought himself an hourglass with pale blue crystals for sand which ran completely through in approximately ten minutes. He appeared drained and exhausted. The pressure that was being exerted upon him could not be shared; it was a solitary burden, for no one else was named in the order to return to prison. No one else could go with him. The thousands and thousands of followers he had couldn't keep him out of prison, for the Movement had not advanced to such a position of strength.

Eldridge's hair became greyer; his face became haggard; his shoulders began to sag. It was horrible to see the look of defeat begin to creep into his eyes, something I'd never seen in Eldridge as long as I'd known him. He became a man tortured night and day by a fate too deadly to accept, too real to ignore.

But it only seemed to spur him on to ever greater activity. He continued to lecture at Berkeley, and he accepted speaking engagements all over the country. He spent more time at RAMPARTS, working on his writings, and he initiated the *Biography of Huey Newton* by Bobby Seale. He began to spend more time with the Party, teaching political education classes and tightening the security apparatus within the organization. I wouldn't see him for days on end. When he did come home, it would be in the morning to bathe, change his clothes, sometimes eat, and then leave. He became totally preoccupied with the work which he loved, and which he soon would have to stop.

IT IS PAINFUL TO RECOUNT THESE DAYS, so painful my mind refuses to come up with the details. We lived a life with the beauty and joy of our love and work daily being crushed out and drained away by the pressure of the deadline. October drew to a close; November came. By November I was so exhausted, both mentally and physically, emotionally and psychically, I was convinced I would be dead by the end of the month. Eldridge would never say what he was going to do other than refer to a showdown. But as glorious as the idea sounded, in reality there weren't enough forces to make a successful stand. There could only be a massacre, no matter how heroic.

We had lived on the brink of death for so long, our life, since Huey had been shot, was so consumed with political work, that we had practically lost the ability to think or act on a personal basis. The personal was political, the political was personal. I knew if Eldridge didn't disappear he would be murdered in prison or killed in the streets. I silently begged him to leave; hundreds of friends and co-workers also hoped he would move to protect himself, and some openly told him he had to split. Only a sadist or a fool could have wanted him to return to prison.

Before I met Eldridge, I had read his "Letters from Prison" in RAMPARTS; what astounded me was the tremendous strength he demonstrated in recreating himself in prison. If a man can grow and develop as Eldridge had, subjected to the conditions of prison, if a man is not broken by these conditions, but instead becomes a profoundly beautiful and sensitive man, then nothing can break him.

When I met Eldridge at the Fisk conference and got to know him a little, I was surprised by his tenderness. Expecting him to be harsh and cold from his experiences, I found Eldridge to be amazingly warm, kind, gentle and sensitive. And as we came to know each other well, fell in love, began living together, got married and began working together, I watched Eldridge continue to grow, to develop, and to improve himself. His capacity for regeneration seemed boundless. And his dedication to the liberation of black people, in truth to the liberation of humanity, is total. One of Eldridge's greatest talents is the ability to see another person's latent strengths



and abilities and bring them to the surface, making that person stronger and more competent than he ever thought he could be.

But to describe Eldridge is not my task here. Suffice it to say that his return to prison would not only have killed him, but would have killed me, and even more important, it would have killed everything that humanity strives to reach. The attack on Eldridge was launched not on him as an individual, and not on him as a black man, but on him as a leader expressing the aspirations of millions of people everywhere for the freedom of humanity.

As the deadline of November 27 came closer and closer, most people were too stunned to know what to do. A small handful decided to set up a vigil outside our home on Pine Street to protect Eldridge from the pigs; the pigs came anyway, infiltrating the vigil, trying to act like our friends. But in spite of everything they did and said, Eldridge Cleaver slipped away and hasn't been heard from since. Thank God.

The end of Eldridge's Affidavit No. 2 about the Oakland shoot-out, written April 19, 1968, says it all: "Why am I alive? While at Highland Hospital, a pig said to me: 'You ain't going to be at no barbecue picnic tomorrow. You the barbecue now!' Why did little Bobby die? It was not a miracle, it just happened that way. I know my duty. Having been spared my life, I don't want it. I give it back to our struggle. Eldridge Cleaver died in that house on 28th Street with little Bobby, and what's left is force: fuel for the fire that will rage across the face of this racist country and either purge it of its evil or turn it into ashes. I say this for little Bobby, for Eldridge Cleaver who died that night, for every black man, woman and child who ever died here in Babylon, and I say it to racist America, that if every voice is silenced by your guns, by your courts, by your gas chambers, by your money, you will know, that as long as the ghost of Eldridge Cleaver is afoot, you have an *enemy* in your midst."

When people ask about the $50,000 bail and want to know why Cleaver doesn't pay it since he has so much money from his books, I can only look at them. I can't even argue, although all the money from his books, which hardly amounts to $50,000, is being held in lien by the Internal Revenue Service on the pretext that they have no guarantee that the taxes will be paid. Eldridge Cleaver's debts have been paid with his blood, with his suffering, with his work, with his life. When will others begin to pay? Must Eldridge also pay the salaries of his tormentors, his would-be murderers, his enemies? What more can be taken from him that has not already been freely given to the people's struggle?

He said, "Eldridge Cleaver died in that house on 28th Street with little Bobby. . . ." Kathleen Cleaver died in that house on Pine Street when Eldridge walked out for the last time, driven away from the life and people that he loved as he had never loved before. . . . What's left is the mother of Eldridge Cleaver's child, more fuel for the fire that has set this country aflame, and of this country I say with Robert Williams, "Let it burn, let it burn."

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Press Conference Chief of Staff's Return from Algiers

July 31, 1969.

CHAIRMAN: We called this press conference because the Party's Chief of Staff, David Hilliard returned from the Pan African Arts Festival in Algeria and also relating to the fact, the situation that's occurred where the brothers had to defend the office in Chicago. David, go ahead, concerning Algeria's Pan African Arts Festival.

DAVID: The only report that I have to bring back to Black people in particular and to the American people in general is Eldridge's wish to return back to America. And I think that the newsmen share in part some of the information. Eldridge has stated that he would return today, if he could have his day in court. So that I'm here, along with Bobby and the Black Panther Party nationally to create some machinery in order to bring Eldridge back to America, because this is where he prefers to struggle.

QUESTION: What do you mean by his "day in court?" Is he willing to return and finish that jail sentence?

DAVID: That's right. He's willing to return and even go to prison if convicted,as long as he's allowed to go and attend court and have the due process of law rendered to him.

QUESTION: Do you expect him to return in the near future?

DAVID: Well, that's dependant upon the actions taken by the mayor of San Francisco in offering Eldridge protection, as he would any other citizen, and also the actions and the attitudes by the governor of California, --if they're willing to cooperate in terms of letting Eldridge return and make his regular appearances in court, then he'll return today.

QUESTION: You say you're ready to set up some machinery to bring him back. Is that to mean to make a deal with somebody?

DAVID: No, we're not here to make a deal.We're here to make it known nationally, internationally that Eldridge prefers to come back to America and to go to court, other than to reside outside of America, and to allow the suppression and the terror that's being brought down upon our Party where he's inactive. He would just rather come back home and struggle here.

QUESTION: What I was getting at is what kind of machinery are you trying to set up?

DAVID: Well, machinery relevant to the Huey Newton trials, and actions like that in order to create some mass demonstrations to focus attention on Eldridge and to let people know that he's willing to come back and stand trial.

QUESTION: Have you formulated any of these actions yet? Do you know yet what you plan to do in order to bring Cleaver back?

DAVID: Well, the machinery is already intact. They're manifested in our National Committees to Combat Fascism, and these committees were resultant from the recent conference that we had here.

QUESTION: David Hilliard, Stokely Carmichael was also at the Conference in Africa, and he has recently made some strong remarks against the Panthers. Did you speak to him while you were there?

DAVID: We had several meetings with Stokely and Stokely has agreed to repudiate the statements in terms of us using coercion and to make it very clear that his statements were not in harmony with the McClellan attacks upon our Party. That they were at an untimely moment when he made the attacks upon our Party which the material that I got from him said that he would clear it up in the very near future.

question; would he join the Party again? Do you know?

DAVID: I'm not sure the Party would accept. We weren't satisfied with his activities. That's why we dropped his name from the roster.

QUESTION: Is Eldridge happy in the countires he's visited? Has he been treated well?

DAVID: Eldridge lives in the second best hotel in Algiers and he's the Minister of Information, and I'm sure that he's quite pleased. He's got a new baby boy and he's very agile, and he's in very good spirits. His health is good, and the people have treated Eldridge very well.

QUESTION: While you were gone the mayor of San Francisco called the Panther Party a second rate murder incorporated or a small time murder incorporated. Do you have any reaction to that?

CHAIRMAN: Yes. We have a direct reaction to that. That Alioto, Mayor Daley and Richard M. Nixon and the rest of the demagogic politicians are first rate murder incorporated, when we look at the history of the oppression and especially with respect to what recently happened in Chicago, where the Black Panther Party there was attacked by the pigs, where they've been lying today saying that they were shot at by the Party members, which is an overt lie. The windows inside the Party office are boarded up with three-quarter inch plywood, and there's no holes in there, where you can shoot out the windows. And we know for a fact that members of the Black Panther Party who were on their way out here to work out here, were arrested and some hundreds of police, pigs, fascist gathered in front of the Black Panther Party office three or four hours before this happened and they in turn, fired and attacked the Black Panther Party office and the Black Panther Party members there were ordered, like they always have been, by Executive Mandate No. 3, that Huey P. Newton put down, that we defend our thresholds, and they defended the office and those fascist pigs who attacked there. And that's what they was supposed to do and that's exactly what they did in Chicago to defend themselves from the fascist attacks that Alioto and other kinds like Mayor Daley did, sending those pigs down there to continue their repression.

QUESTION: This seems to be a national pattern now. Why do you suppose these things are happening involving Black Panthers all over the country?

CHAIRMAN: I would think that they might begin to stop happening if sometimes the news reporters would report more correctly what's happening and what's going on. Why are they happening? I'm pretty sure you know that reason, because the fascist regime, the fascist government, wants to destroy the Black Panther Party, because the Black Panther Party is the vanguard of the revolutionary movement in America.

DAVID: Not only that. I think they're happening because of our coalitions. Not only with the brown community, but with the young whites in America. And it shows very clearly that we've exposed some very sharp contradictions in America that's not geared strictly to race, but more on an economic level. We say that it's a class struggle, and we've exemplified that, through our coalitions with progressive whites. So we think that that's the reason why the attacks are so continuous.

QUESTION: Have you spoken to some of the people involved in the shooting in Chicago, either of you?



The Chairman and Chief of Staff

CHAIRMAN: Yes. I've spoken to some of the people who observed Black Panther Party members getting arrested. I think from here on in, if you need any more information, it would be very good if you would contact the Chicago Chapter of the Black Panther Party, and they could give you some more details.

QUESTION: You say then that it was an act of self-defense?

CHAIRMAN: It was an act of fascist aggression on the part of the pigs attacking the Black Panther Party office, they know for a fact that this was it. And the masses and the thousands of people who were in the street know for a fact that this is what the case was.

QUESTION: The Panthers moved in self-defense then?

CHAIRMAN: Completely. And we always move in self-defense and we'll defend any office in the country and any place we can. We got our guns and we gonna shoot back if we're shot at by these fascist pigs in America.

QUESTION: How many Panthers have been raided in recent weeks?

CHAIRMAN: In recent weeks since the McClellan committee, I can't even count them all, it's so many.

QUESTION: David, you spoke of Eldridge coming back, and trying to set up some machinery to get him back. How long do you think it might be before he will return to the States? Do you have any long shot guesses?

DAVID: Eldridge is working on a time schedule, such as all Panthers, and I couldn't designate his date of return. We have a very dim view of the American government as a whole. Eldridge has made it very clear that whether they agreed to let him return and have his day in court is a serious problem that he hopes will take place, but even if they don't, he said that he would come back the way he left, you know. So that I don't know when he's going to come back.

QUESTION: Do you think that he'll be back within a year, a half year?

David: Well, we hope to have him back before the year is up.

QUESTION: How's Kathleen?

DAVID: Well, she just had a baby, you know.

DAVID: I think she's feeling fine. I never - I didn't visit her. I don't know.

QUESTION: What's the baby's name?

DAVID: The baby's name is Antonio Maceo.

QUESTION: It was recorded earlier that Eldridge wanted to come back to America. In your talks with him did he get specific about why he wants to come so badly, isn't he happy where he is?

DAVID: He wants to come back because he wants to put an end to exploitation and U.S. imperialism, and he knows that that struggle cannot be waged from abroad, that it can only take place here.

QUESTION: Do you expect him to bring Kathleen and the baby back with him?

DAVID: I think he's going to bring back whatever is necessary to meet the forces of oppression here in America, in Babylon.

QUESTION: Do you think that Kathleen will come back ahead of him?

DAVID: I don't think that she'll come back ahead of him. I think they will come back together with their son.

QUESTION: Did you make contact or have some discussions with some other representatives at the conference?

DAVID: Yes. We had discussions with several liberation groups in Africa. And they were all aware of our problem before we got there. They knew that U.S. imperialism was their problem and that fascism was what Black people in America are faced with. And that their source of information was geared to our newspaper and that the one thing that they wanted more than anything else was some consistant channels for information in order to shine true light on the imperialists and their oppression - within and without.

QUESTION: Is Eldridge going to remain in Algeria until he comes back here?

DAVID: That's not clear, you know. I don't know how permanent it is. We were only offered that center in Algeria and that we were invited there only for the cultural festival and when that's ended, I don't know what's going to happen. I'm not sure.

question; when he comes back, does he know that he may have to go to prison before his court date?

DAVID: Well, if Eldridge comes back, I think it's been made clear that he's not going to prison. That's why he left.

CHAIRMAN: If he comes back, we're not asking him to come back to go to prison before court trial, we're asking a human being's right to go to trial without being in prison. That's the very reason he left. The man has a right to trial before he's imprisoned.

QUESTION:Well if the Panthers are very critical of the trial system in this country, why would Cleaver come back and go on trial unless he thinks the trial will be just?

CHAIRMAN: You've been seeing what's happening recently, the way they've been lying up there. He's been fighting about how the pigs got caught in lies on the witness stand about Charles Bursey. How Warren himself has been through these two trials where there's hung juries, the last, eleven to one - eleven for acquittal and other things like this here. And we exhaust all political means, even our bodies and our lives to show the people that there isn't justice in the courts.

DAVID: Not only that, Eldridge has faith in the progressive people of America, and he knows that the court systems are only stable because of the inactivity and the low political level of the masses of people in America. So, we think through his example, such as Huey Newton that they could create some machinery in order to overturn the oppressive system and possibly get the justice that he deserves.

QUESTION: Tell us about all the commotion at the UFAF Conference.

chairman; We see a lot of Trotskyites running around attempting Marxism-Leninism, and we see a lot of P.L.'s running around who tried to disrupt the conference, but didn't realize the force and defensive mechanisms of the Black Panther Party to defend the people's right to combat fascism in America. And the rest of them have to understand that we saw that the level of conscious that the people who are going to deal with community control of police and implement it and the rest of the idealists, and abstractionists and the anarchists - if they can't come together in some kind of unity, those jiving, just sitting on the side who just want to criticize just for some kind of notoriety - and we say later for them. That they themselves are aiding and abetting Fascism in America.

QUESTION: What was the initiative that the Black Panther Party attended the conference in Africa?

DAVID: Well, first of all, the Black Panther Party was invited to Algiers to represent the oppressed people of Afro-America and that our interest was to show through our art the oppression and to show and to create some means for communication on an international level. It was very serviceable in that respect.That the Black Panther Party was offered a center there. We had the only center there and it's just a matter of fact that there's been a coup against Roy Wilkins and James Farmer, you know, and that we're the recognized government of black people in America. And that we went there to express unity with the rest of the African people. So it's just that clear.

Child Molesting Grand Juror

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When a child molester happens to be a member of a Grand Jury he is offered a release with NO BAIL. If a child molester happens to be Joe Blow he is given extremely high bail and possibly gets his head kicked in besides.

Ralph Wesley Johnson 62, of 212 Francisco Blvd., San Anselmo was arraigned July 30, 1969 in Marin County, where he was a member of the Marin County Grand Jury. He resigned from the Grand Jury the same day he was arraigned on three counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with an 11 year old San Rafael girl.

Dig this! On the Grand Jury, Johnson was a member of the law enforcement, Public works and Education committees. Here is your Law & Order type of public servant.

People of the world unite; recognize Fascism for exactly what it is.

Sister Marie Johnson

EDITOR's NOTE:
The following article is taken from the appeal prepared by the attorneys defending Huey P Newton, Minister of Defense of the Black Panther Party. Huey's attorneys have moved to have the case reviewed by the Court of Appeals of the State of California. The Black Panther News Paper will print the appeal in part--every week to give the people all the facts as to why Huey P. Newton should be set free immediately.

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Huey P. Newton and Charles R. Garry

III. STATEMENT OF FACTS

E. Testimony of the Defendant, Huey P. Newton.

The testimony of the defendant as to the sequence of events leading up to his being wounded at 7th and Willow Streets was uncontradicted in large part, but in critical particulars differed from versions (themselves differing) of Grier and Heanes. Defendant's uncontradicted testimony was as follows:

He gave a speech, by invitation, at San Francisco State College in the afternoon (R.T. 3196, 3206), in the evening went to have a drink to celebrate what he considered to be the termination of his probation from an earlier offense (R.T 3110-12), and while so doing saw his frined Donald Hopkins (R.T. 3113), went later to the Congregational Church to a party there (R.T. 3114), and then went to a party at 37th and San Pablo Streets in Oakland (R.T. 3115).

Driving in his fiancee's Volkswagen, he took Gene McKinney and two other passengers from the church gathering to the house party (R.T. 3118). These two other passengers were not known to him (Id.). There was no weapon in the car to defendant's knowledge (R T 3158).

He had with him as he habitually did, a copy of Fricke, California Criminal Evidence (Defendant's Exhibit K), which he had studied at law school, and which he used in advising black persons of their rights (R.T 3122).

The defendant left the house party with McKinney in order to get some food in the restaurant area around 7th and Willow (R.T. 3118). The defendant was sirened down by Frey, and he stopped and showed Frey his operator's license. Frey looked at it and gave it back to the defendant, who put it back into his wallet (R.T. 3121). Defendant had seen neither Frey nor Heanes before (R.T. 3121).

Frey's first words to the defendant when he came up to the defendant's window were: "'Well, well, well, what do we have? The great, great, Huey P. Newton.'" (R.T. 3120).

The defendant was dressed in the black leather Panther jacket, a black beret (R.T. 3132), light shirt, and black pants (R.T. 3131, 3324). When Frey ordered him out of the car and arrested him, the defendant took up his Fricke law book in his right hand and took it out of the car with him (R.T. 3122, 3243). Frey made the defendant lean over his police car with his hands outspread and searched him in a degrading fashion, putting his hands in the defendant's trousers and touching his genitals (R.T 3124, 3239).

Defendant's account of his encounter with Officer Frey was as follows:

After this thorough search, defendant was made to walk back along the police cars (during which time he had the law book in his right hand). In the course of this walk he was insulted by Frey, called "nigger," hit in the face by Frey when the defendant remonstrated that Frey had no reasonable cause to arrest him, and then shot in the stomach as he was on his knees, reeling from the blow (R.T 3122, et. seq.).

The defendant testified that after feeling a "hot boiling soup" sensation in the stomach he remembered little else but a kind of swimming sensation, and then a struggling to get up onto a high platform outside the entrance to Kaiser Foundation Hospital (R.T. 3125, et seq.).

Defendant's description of his wounds and subsequent sensations was described as "compatible" (R.T. 3409) with the particular traumatic wound which he suffered. (See testimony of Dr. Bernard Diamond, qualified as an expert on trauma and wounds as well as in psychiatry, (R.T. 3400, et seq.)

Defendant's Fricke law book was found at the location of the incident, blood-soaked, but when the Oakland Police Department technician arrived there and found it, he assumed it was Officer Frey's and put it in the trunk of Frey's police car (R T 2204-5). It was, therefore, not collected with the other evidence which the technician, Lusk, picked up at the scene for analysis and examination (R.T. 2587). No blood or other analysis was ever done on this book by the prosecution (R.T 2587-8).

F. Evidence Concerning the Motive and Character of the Defendant and the Deceased Officer.

The prosecution offered no evidence to rebut the testimony of various witnesses, black and white, who described the late Frey as racist, brutal to black children, and frequent with racially insulting epithets ("nigger," "black bitch," etc., R T 2878, 2881, 2887). When re-visiting his former high school as a police officer, Frey used the word "nigger" in a classroom talk to an English class at Clayton Valley High School (R.T. 3054). He was known as a provocative, threatening man in the black ghetto (R.T. 2887-88). Numerous black witnesses described numbers of incidents with Frey, occurring in the several months before his death, wherein he was insulting and overbearing (R.T. (2848, 2857-58, 2870, 2872, 2812).

Daniel King, a sixteen-year old black student, was physically held down by Frey one evening while a white man struck him (R.T. 2817); he was called "nigger" by Frey and taken off by Frey to the juvenile authorities for incurring the displeasure of a white client of a prostitute in the ghetto (R.T. 2831-32).

Both the prosecution and the defense put the character of the defendant in issue. The prosecution attempted to show a violent character and a motive to murder police. The defense presented testimony as to the defendant's role in relation to the conditions of the black ghetto, the development of the black liberation movement, and the defendant's beliefs and actions in founding and developing the Black Panther Party for Self Defense.

The defendant testified as to the background of black history in Africa and America and the influence of this history on his philosophy and his founding of the Black Panther Party for Self Defense. Testifying about the Party, he described the symbolism of the panther, an animal which attacks only when attacked (R.T. 3096), the Party's fight against racism (R.T. 3104, 3106), the weapons which were openly carried by the Black Panthers until the law was changed and this practice then stopped (R.T. 3107), how the defendant and the Panthers and other observers saw, as a result of these patrols, a decrease in police harassment of the general black community but an increase in harassment and arrests of the Panthers themselves (R T 3110, 3020, 3361, 3372, 3375).

Defendant's testimony that he had been personally harassed, stopped, searched some 40-50 times, was not disputed (R.T. 3110). (And see testimony of Oakland Police Officer O'Donnell at R T. 3437, 3440).

The prosecution asserted that defendant's motives were to carry out a hatred and plan to kill police and to avoid apprehension, arrest and commitment for several felonies, i.e., 1) possession of a concealable weapon in violation of section 12021 of the Penal Code, as an ex-felon; 2) possession of marihuana; and 3) three-year sentence to the prior felony charge on the theory that defendant's probation period was not over until the following day.

No weapon was ever found on the defendant, nor was one found which was attributed to him, nor did Heanes ever see a gun in the defendant's hand. The defendant denied having a weapon. The defendant testified that he did not consider himself an ex-felon.

Defendant's testimony that he was celebrating the end of his probation was thus also material. His testimony was corroborated by Dean Donald Hopkins, University of California administrator, who testified that he had seen the defendant at approximately 10:00 p.m. October 27, 1967, at the Bosun's Locker in Berkeley and noted the defendant's elated, unusual mood. Hopkins testified that he asked the defendant what he was celebrating, and the defendant told Hopkins he was happy to be off probation (R.T. 2889-93, 2897).

Miss Joan Lewis testified that she saw the defendant later on the evening of October 27, both at the Congregational Church
at the Congregational Church (R.T. 2950), and at a house party celebrating the end of defendant's probation (R T 2940, 3199).

Although the three years' probation imposed by the Superior Court as a result of the earlier conviction expired October 28, 1967, defendant's probation officer, Mel Torly, had discussed the date of termination with defendant shortly before said date, and Torly testified that he might well have told the defendant it ended on October 27 (R.T. 2617, 2618). Defendant remembered Torly as telling him that the probation terminated on October 27 (R.T. 3110).

The evidence with respect to the marihuana was as follows: the defendant denied having it or knowing that there was any in the car. He did not know if the two passengers whom he carried from the Congregational Church to the party had left any in his car or not (R.T. 3116-18, 3136). He testified that it was against the rules and regulations of the Black Panther Party for any member to have marihuana or drugs, and he further testified that he was not a user of marihuana or drugs (R.T 3074, 3136).

Oakland Police Inspector Forte testified that he examined the Volkswagen and found bullets (R.T. 2232), a couple of rumpled bags (R.T. 2231-32), and a number 12 size brown paper bag (R T. 2234). It was allegedly this number 12 size brown paper bag, never produced by this prosecution (R T. 2637), which contained, according to police witnesses, two match boxes of marihuana (R.T 2620, et seq., and see R.T. 2651).
the Oakland Police Department technician first on the scene testified that all sorts of objects and debris were about the street at the location of the incident (R.T 2200). There was no evidence as to how the matchboxes came to be in the Volkswagen.

Oakland Police Department technician Jan Bashinski testified that the contents of the said match boxes included marihuana (R.T. 2620, et seq.). She also testified that it was impossible to obtain or identify any fingerprints from the match boxes (R.T. 2637). Miss Bashinski did not have and never had nor seen the brown paper bag from which the match boxes allegedly came (R.T. 2637). Over defense objection, the match boxes and contents were received in evidence, in the absence of the production by the prosecution of the paper bag which allegedly formerly contained them (R.T. 2651).

Miss Bashinski further testified that minute fragments of a substance she identified as marihuana, although she did not weigh these

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fragments, were taken from the defendant's front pants pocket (R.T. 2629-30, Exhibit 68).

The defendant denied any knowledge of the paper bag, the match boxes, of any marihuana at all and testified that he had obtained both the pants and his leather jacket from the Goodwill used clothing store (R.T. 3136, 3132).

Further issues as to the defendant's character, motive, and role in the Black Panther Party were raised by both the prosecution and the defense. The defense introduced the testimony of Professor Herman Blake, sociologist at the University of California at Santa Cruz, as to the black ghetto, its special language, its perception of white policemen, the black liberation movement, and its aims.

Professor Blake testified as to the meaning of certain words and concepts in the black community of Alameda County (R.T.3360-62). He substantiated that the black community generally understood the word "pig cop" to refer to policemen as agents of oppression (R.T 3372), and he placed in context the language used in Black Panther publications which the prosecution contended showed defendant's motive to kill police officers. Thus Professor Blake testified as to the symbolism, imagery, and meaning to the black community of a poem offered by the prosecution to show the defendant's alleged propensity to violence.

This poem by defendant, entitled, "Guns, baby, guns," was shown by Professor Blake to contain references not to violence but to terms and concepts used allegorically and rhetorically in the black community, e.g., "TCB" -- "taking care of business," or ridding the community of white oppression through political and organizational efforts (R.T. 339-41). The prosecution offered no evidence to rebut that of Professor Blake as to the differing usages and meanings of terms in the black community, nor of the defendant's testimony as to the Black Panthers' role in the black liberation

PIGS MACE YOUNG BROTHER AND SISTER

Early Sunday morning at 2:30 a.m., Mr. and Mrs. James Patton and family were maced by the Des Moines degenerate police department. James Patton was traveling east on University when the pig's car drove behind him. James turned North on 13th and University. The pigs blew the horn, but the brother kept going. On 13th and Harrison the pig pulled over to the side of the street. James got out of the car, and walked back to the pig car. They then told him he was speeding. The brother insisted that he was not speeding. The pig was not even aware of the speed limit. They took the brother's license. He stated that he had to take his kids home, for it was past their bedtime. The pigs kept messing around, not giving the brother a ticket, so he said he was leaving to take his kids home out of the night air (a sister aged 4, and a brother aged 2). The pigs then tried to stop him by spraying mace in his face. The brother passed out. He was helped to the car by his wife and two cousins. Then the pigs began to spray mace in and around the car.

When the Pattons saw that the little ones had been heavily maced and were in a state of shock, they took them to the hospital -- then a pig jumped in the car fighting and spraying more mace. They then took James to jail and charged him with speeding. Later a charge of resisting arrest was added. Both of the kids had to be taken to the hospital for treatment. So once again the pigs showed their piggish nature. What are we as oppressed people going to do about it???

Have we as people been so programmed by the racist power structure to continue to accept the attempted killing of individual blacks and the overall genocide of black people? The fascist pigs are not in our community to protect human life and our property, for they could care less. That is evident by their macing of two beautiful black children who had to be taken to the hospital for treatment and the degrading, inhumane treatment of the brothers and sisters riding in the car. The fascist pig degenerates think nothing of our property or dignity as evidenced by their disrespect for all black people. When these incidents are reported to the police department headquarters in the form of a complaint -- it is taken very "lightly" by those in charge. We can go on and on about the crimes committed against black people daily in their own community, from bombings to kicking down doors (without search warrants) to disrespect for our people as human beings who just want to be free. Now is the time to deal with the situation. Never mind that rhetoric that you cannot endorse. For we are dealing with the continued existence of black people in Iowa and on this planet earth. The atrocities committed against black people by the racist degenerate power structure must not be allowed to go on. We, as black people can no longer remain removed from facing the ultimate reality -- that the U.S. government has definite plans to exterminate us all -- and police brutality is just a "dress rehearsal" for the final and coming event. The plan is embodied in the McCarran Act -- Public Law 831, which calls for emergency detention centers (concentrations camps) and other such acts which we know little or nothing about!

So you see brothers and sisters we are dealing with something more fundamental than some 'God damned' individual bag that you are in at the present. We are faced with the question of survival and we need each other to survive. Our most valuable assets are each other. Therefore, we cannot allow these continued overt fascist acts of violence and oppression to take place in our community. We cannot honestly continue to be so blind as to think that those racist degenerates are in our community to protect our "lives" and "property" cause it just ain't so and the evidence is here to prove it.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
Free All Political Prisoners Now!
Free Huey!
Free the N.Y. 21!
Free the Conn. 8!
Free Michael Harris!



Patton Children Maced with Parents



FASCIST PIGS SET TO BUST N.Y. PATHERS AGAIN

At a hastily called press conference on July 25, the Black Panther Party of New York announced that they had been informed of plans for another "massive" series of arrests sometime within the next two days.

Al Carrol, Captain of Defense for the Harlem Branch, explained that their information came from a source within the government who had also warned them about the Panther 21 bust shortly before it happened last April. Those arrests were greeted with headlines blaring "SMASH PANTHER BOMB PLOT" in letters two inches high. And the press conference this time was an attempt to forestall that kind ofinitial impact on people's minds.

Immediately after they learned of the new pig conspiracy, the Panthers and allies from SDS had hit the streets with leaflets exposing the absurdity of the charges.

"Every Black Panther chapter and leadership knows that we would not waste dynamite on blowing up some jive railway station and department stores, simply because some of our own poor people would be killed, and we know this is completely wrong when it comes to organizing the people against the demagogue politicians, the avaricious businessmen and the racist pig police forces."

"Now the pigs are moving on another conspiracy raid. This time the charges are even more outrageous--conspiracy to blow up the Tombs, a jail where political prisoners are being held."

At the press conference, Carroll maintained the tone of the leaflet, stating that despite police stakeouts at the homes of many of the Panthers (including some from Brooklyn and Staten Island as well as those from Harlem) the Panthers would not go into hiding because their proper place and their only defense were among the people.

CONTRADICTION WITH PAPA PIG

Right on Brothers, all Power to the People!!!!!!!

On July the 22nd, 1969, a member of the Black Panther Party in Philadelphia, met with the staff to relate to them the situations of his leaving the BLACK PANTHER PARTY.

In speaking to us he related to us his domestic problems, which were taken as quite a contradiction. The brother's name is Tommie Frye Jr. He is about 18 or 19 years old. He is the son of a Captain in the Philly Pig Dept., Capt. Thomas Frye.

Two days before, to spark this resignation, Rolando Hearn, called Montae, was ordered to take Tommie home, to pick up his clothes. Brother Pinkett and Tommie entered the house, and Montae stayed in the car. While waiting for Tommie, Pinkett sat in the livingroom, and found himself in confrontation with Tommie's father, who wanted to know what he was doing there. He replied "Nothing."

Papa Pig Frye then left to go to the basement where Tommie was, and upon returning, ordered Brother Pinkett to leave his household. Thus Pinkett proceeded to do so, with Papa Pig Frye behind him oinking obscenities. Pinkett then said, "I don't feel comfortable in the presence of a pig!" With this Pinkett walked away, leaving Papa Pig Frye in hysterics.

At this time, the brothers told Tommie to hurry up. Gradually while the brothers told Tommie to hurry, they saw a procession of pigs coming their way. They were ordered to come out of the car. Montea was asked for the driver's license and owner's card. Then Tommie and his father, Papa Pig Frye, told the tools of fascism (street pigs) that he was Captain of the Pig Dept. and had the brothers, Montae and Pinkett taken down and identified as members of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY, for investigation. They then went through the usual shit by the Civil Disobedience Squad, led by Lt. Lackey Faggot Fencl. When released, they returned to the headquarters.

Tommie didn't come to the office the next day, and when we received word of him it was in the form of a phone call from Mrs. Frye, who spoke softly, and related to us that Tommie had been beaten by his PIG POP, with a blackjack. For his wife, Mrs. Frye expressed terror, and fear over Tommie's treatment, and fear of her helling husband, Thomas Frye Sr.

Fascism has taken the place of love in this man, for his hatred of the BPP in Philadelphia exceeds his love of his family and "law and order" as expressed by Fascist Pig Capt. Uncle Tom Frye of the Philly Pig Dept.

UNITE AND DEFEAT U.S. FASCISM

All Power to the People!!!
Communications Secretary
West Cook
Philadelphia

AUTO DEALERS CHARGED WITH FRAUD

(Reprinted from S.F. Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation)

In a suit filed today in San Mateo Superior Court, customers of Ralph Williams Bay Shore Chrysler-Plymouth charged Williams and other Bay Area auto dealers with fraudulent sales and deceptive advertising.

The seventeen-page complaint charges the auto dealers offered to sell cars at monthly rates far lower than payments actually required by the purchase price to get the customer to sign a sales agreement. Once the agreement is signed, the customer is told a mistake was made in figuring the monthly payments and the payments will have to be increased. The dealers are accused of similar price manipulations in calculating the costs of auto insurance. These practices, according to the complaint, are regularly used by dealers "to confuse, deceive and mislead customers in order to obtain their down payments and then trick and intimidate them into buying automobiles at higher monthly figures."

The suit also charges Williams and other dealers with making false and misleading statements in Television advertisements and televising partial "views of automobiles which grossly misrepresent their actual physical condition."

The Bay Shore customers are seeking to enjoin Williams and other Bay Area auto dealers from continuing the alleged fraud and misrepresentation, and are asking for damages of $5,000 each from Williams. The suit, if successful, could directly affect auto dealers throughout the state.

The suit was filed by D'Army Baily and Michael Wolds of the San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation.

Haitian Students Support NLF

July 30, 1969

This is an article from the May, 1969 issue of a newspaper from Paris, France called Solidarite - Anti-Imperialiste. It was translated for us by Racheal Wright, the daughter of the author Richard Wright.

Last November, the NLF's central committee put out a statement in which it appealed "to the progressive people of the whole world to strongly support the NLF's just stand and to give a more active assistance to the Vietnamese population's struggle until final victory".

In answer to this appeal several French student organizations called upon the Parisian population to hold a great anti-imperialist meeting to celebrate the 8th anniversary of the foundation of South Vietnam's NLF. In the course of this meeting, representatives of student organizations of oppressed countries throughout the world participated in the discussions; The statement issued by the Haitian delegation is particularly

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OPPORTUNIST PRESS MISLEADS THE PEOPLE



The capitalist press will stoop to any misleading trick to sell newspapers. They sit back and wait for human suffering to become a focal point and the timing to be proper, then they crawl out of the woodwork to make some money. To exemplify what this article is written about, we will provide the concrete example.

Recently, the Communications Secretary of the Black Panther Party gave birth to a baby boy in the city of Algiers. The father of the baby, who is the Minister of Information of the Black Panther Party reported "directly" to National Headquarters that NO photos of Kathleen and/or the baby had been taken. Yet, a paper in the San Francisco Bay Area carried a front page photo of Kathleen holding a baby, sitting in a chair that in fact is in her home in San Francisco. There was no story inside the paper to warrant putting the photo on the cover. What's more, this paper (which is Black) has never printed anything which gave its readers any information concerning the Black Panther Party or its programs.

It is the responsibility of the news media to dessiminate correct and concise information to the masses so that they may be educated and judge for themselves. So the Black Panther knows the position the mass media have taken with their lies and misinformation. We say to all others: "You are either part of the problem or part of the solution to the problem." That goes for Black or White, Right or Left, Underground or Liberal, and also students.

Don't come to interview us about the blood we are shedding unless you are going to do something to stop those who are shedding our blood.

Dynamite.

ACCUSED AT FORT DIX SEND SOLIDARITY TO FORT RILEY

FORT DIX, N.J., JULY 29--- The following letter was sent from three members of the American Servicemen's Union who are being held in the Fort Dix Stockade on charges of rioting, which hold up to forty years in prison per man, to their brothers in the stockade at Fort Riley, who participated in a work stoppage on July 21: (No charges have been announced at Fort Riley.)

"Brothers of Riley: We the "accused" of the Ft. Dix riot of June 5, now known as the Ft. Dix 38, wish to express our solidarity to the "accused" of the Ft. Riley protest.

"We realize that we all are struggling for freedom, peace and an end to the fascist imperialism which is dominating our lives both in the military and under the current U.S government.

"We salute you as our brothers and send our peace."

Peace be with you,
(S) William S. Brakefield
ON SHAHNTI,
(S) Jeffrey D. Russell
HASTA LA VICORIA SIEMPRE.
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PREVENTATIVE DETENTION

On July 11, the Nixon Administration sent its proposed preventative detention bill to Congress. Though there has been a certain amount of liberal handwringing and condemnation of "preventative detention", the real significance of this legislation and less publicized Administration proposals for the District of Columbia have been largely ignored. Ostensibly the bill is aimed at dealing with "dangerous criminals"; with the perceived problems of "crime in the streets". Media coverage focuses on the bill's emphasis on such "dangerous crimes" as armed robbery, muggings, rape, etc. In actuality, however, the bill must be understood as a measure of political repression aimed at radicals, movement activists, and, in general, those who would most benefit by the revolution the movement seeks.

The bill allows imprisonment of a suspect (i.e. anyone arrested) for up to sixty days without bail, if a hearing before a judge finds (a) substantial probability that a defendant is guilty, and (b) the defendant's release would be a danger to the community. Among the "dangerous crimes" covered by the bill, New York Times writers Tom Wicker (7/13/69) and Christopher Lydon (7/12/69) cite bank robbery, sale of narcotics and crimes of violence such as those cited above. In addition, narcotics addicts charged with crimes of violence and persons charged with, but not necessarily convicted of, two violent crimes would also be subject to preventative detention. The preventative detention bill would cover defendants in Federal criminal actions; people like "The Conspiracy".

In addition to the preventative detention proposals, Lydons' article deliniates the Nixon Administration's "much more comprehensive set of proposals for the District of Columbia, the one jurisdiction in which the President and Congress can write the entire criminal law." The new proposals call for a new "superior court" of general jurisdiction and a nine member District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Appeals beyond this court would go directly to the United States Supreme Court, rather than through the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. Local criminal law would also be stiffened. Judges would be permitted to impose life sentences on those convicted of three felonies; police authorized, with a search warrant, to enter without notice; penalties raised in narcotics cases; and a five year sentence and a $5,000 fine imposed for bail jumping. The bill also calls for expansion of the legal aid agency, and would extend the "counseling and supervision", now given parolees and probationers, to untried defendants.

Legal aid societies are too often useless to the movement. They are part and parcel of the existing legal system, interested in working a deal for indigent defendants, rather than in fundemental political changes.

Many liberal challenges to the "preventative detention" proposals are anticipated in the Congress and courts; most focusing on the traditional (?) presumptions of innocence, and the Eighth amendment guarantee that "excessive bail shall not be required." Past history and present practice, however, show how little such presumptions and guarantees weigh in the arrest and judicial processes.

Despite his incisive liberal criticisms of preventative detention, Tom Wicker refuses to deal with its political nature. He emphasizes the facts that "any American could become a defendant any minute" and preventative detention would be most used in the ghetto. But, preventative detention is not, as Wicker claims, aimed at crimes of violence -- whatever administration rhetoric and the language of the bill. Preventative dentention is aimed at political radicals, and keeping a tight lid on potentially explosive ghettos. To a black armed robber, mugger or "looter" his "crime" (so defined by white society and law) can, justifiably, be seen as an immediate, albeit primitive, means of income redistribution.

The Nixon Administration's proposals for the District of Columbia must be seen in light of the District's unique status, and as an example posited by the Federal government to be followed by other jurisdictions. Washington, and the nation, do not, in the main, live in that city, now are they, for the most part, subject to the laws they make for the land.

As the nation's capitol, Washington must be kept cool for images' sake. As a black city, it epitomizes the demographic trends common to all of the urban United States; a completely polarized central city of poor blacks and wealthy whites.

The radical, political left today views itself as committed to revolution, by "whatever means necessary". This committment, of necessity, involves the total overthrow and replacement of the existing social, economic, and political system. It follows from this that the activities of radicals will be perceived by the administration in power as dangerous, and, at least potentially, crimes of violence. As the contradictions inherent in a capitalist economic system become more sharply defined, the position of the government and ruling elites becomes less and less tenable, and the level of repression rises. Historically, in the United States, repression has come in the guise of law and/or national defense.

The provisions of the preventative detention bill are easily applicable to movement activists arrested, as more and more are, on federal charges. Experience in New York City, as well as elsewhere, indicates a marked tendency on the part of the judiciary to presume movement activists guilty, and the rationale for considering movement activists a danger to the community has been explored above. The Administration proposals for the District of Columbia simply spell out in more detail a model for political repression to be tried out there before application elsewhere. The ease with which movement activists may be framed on serious criminal charges can be documented extensively. The 21 Panthers arrested in New York City in April and less publicized Panther arrests in New Haven and Chicago illustrate this type of repression. Felony and/or drug convictions are common rewards for movement activity.

A close friend of the writer's, currently facing disbarment for his radical political activism, characterizes our legal system as founded on greed and putting men in cages. A capitalist economic system, and its related activities and institutions, arise out of greed, and must be perpetuated by placing the opposition--in cages.

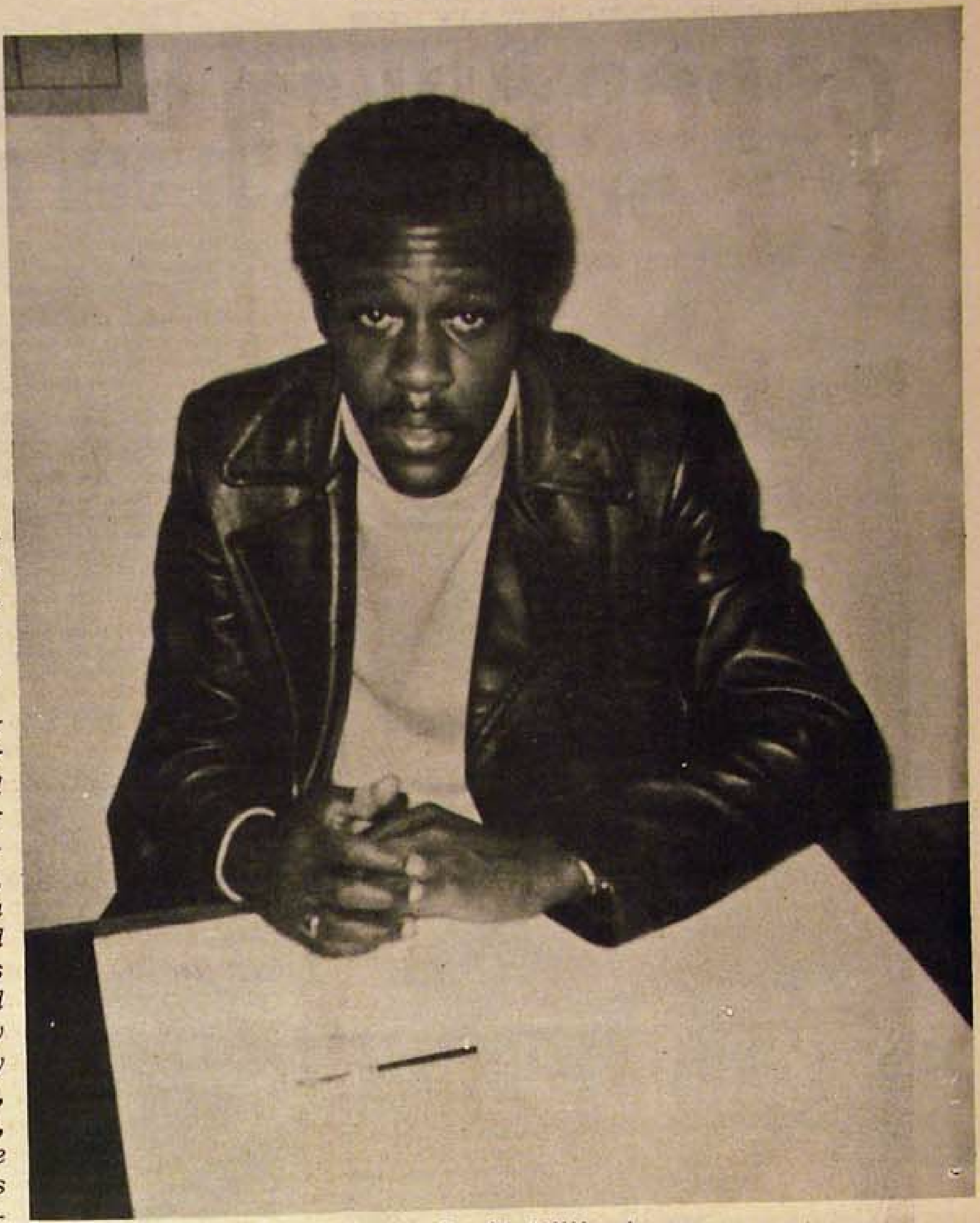
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New York City
July, 1969



Lumpen–Proletarian Discipline

Versus

Bourgeois Reactionism



Chief of Staff, David Hilliard

I must say that I missed the United Front Against Fascism Conference, to attend the Pan African Culture Festival, which for me and several other Party members was a reunification with our Minister of Information, Eldridge Cleaver.

After being back in Babylon and collecting information on the U.F.A.F., a very clear line has appeared between real friends and obvious enemies. We have been criticized for being too dictatorial dealing with certain organizations (i.e.) Progressive Labor Party, Women's Liberation Movement, I.S.C. and a host of other initials and brands. We should make it crystal clear that our enemy's friends are also our enemies, and their friends' friend is also our enemy. The Black Panther Party exemplified proletarian discipline; what they call democracy is in reality ultra democracy, practiced by anarchist, cultural nationalist, capitalist and all counterrevolutionaries: The Conference was not reminiscent of S.D.S.'s National Conference because the Party exercised authority in a situation that demanded discipline, it was not a Plenary session or a Peace and Freedom founding convention but a meeting of anti-Fascist forces, geared to active programs, namely Police decentralization, for all communities, not just the Black community.

Students for a Democratic Society has stated that they would circulate the Petition in the Colony but not in the oppressor country, because this would legitimatize the vigilantes of the white communities. How abstract and divorced from the reality of the world around them they must be to think that the Black Panther Party would allow them to leave their communities and begin to organize the Colony, to control the Fascists in the oppressor country is a very definite step towards white people's power, because James Rector was not shotgunned to death in the Black community. It seems they prefer to allow the already legitimate reactionary forces to take roost or sanctuary in the white communities. But we uncompromisingly reiterate our position, revolution in the (mother) oppressor country, liberation in the Colony.

The new left, which is only a euphemism for the infantile disorderly left, who felt the Panthers were making alliances with right wing elements are in fact wrong. We made an alliance with the most revolutionary forces in the oppressor country, The Young Patriots. Because to say we should align ourselves with revolutionary forces in deed, reflects the most oppressed of the mother country manifested in The Young Patriots, so in conclusion the forces of reaction, and comrades who practice "small group mentality," anarchy, and ultra democracy are committing very grave crimes against the forces of revolution.

The Black Panther Party will not be dictated to by people who are obviously Bourgeois Procrastinators, seeking made to order revolution which is abstract, metaphysical and doesn't exist in the Black or White community. Black people will control their communities, and all groups that stand in opposition to it are idealist and oppressors, regardless of name, brand or class. YSA and ISC criticized the "Stalinist" atmosphere of the Conference. These two groups are historians divorced from the reality of the world. Stalin was correct to say that the bourgeoisie uses the hands of the oppressed to stir the flame, while they sit back and criticize, perhaps they will call the Black Panther Party anti-semitic for supporting Al-Fath's liberation struggle against Zionism.

Well there is no such thing as peaceful coexistence between bourgeoisie and proletariat, oppressed and oppressors; revolutionary nationalist and National Socialist and after reading the article in 8/2/69 Guardian, I am thoroughly convinced the aforementioned groups at best are National Socialist.

Chief of Staff,
David Hilliard

The Moon Belongs to the People

Who does the moon belong to, people?

Or putting it another way, who will the moon belong to? Look at the race to the moon. Who's in the race? No one except the United States government. The Russians dropped out of the enigmatic race long ago. Why is this government so concerned with exploring outer space and reaching the moon when so many people on this planet are hungry and in so much misery; why, when racist thinking is so pervasive in this nation and throughout the world; why, when fascism is on the rise and gaining more supporters each day?

If you realize that America is a racist country, burdened with problems of a critical nature, it is logical to assume that the same racism and problems troubling this country, and black people in general, will be transported 30 million miles to the moon. What does this mean to black people and how does this effect the rest of the world? It means tax money on something designed not to help us but in fact to do us great harm. This government knows that black and oppressed people are hungry and without decent housing, jobs, and fundamental rights. When America reaches the moon the world can begin the final countdown to destruction and total annihilation. America can and will thrust herself into position of world dictator.

From the moon, the American government will be able to reach any point (strategic targets) on earth via atomic rockets and nuclear missiles. Those on the moon will not have to fear radio-acitve material because of the distance from the earth. Laser beams may prove even more effective because of their accuracy (they'll be able to kill more oppressed, exploited and dissident elements who are exposing the government for what it is without endangering the fascist pig power structure which breeds in lies and crossing people off as "human beings" who desire the right of "self-determination.")

Sounds ridiculous? The Jews thought the Germans were pussy-footing too. The Japanese people thought America could never take their homes and property even though they had become "American Citizens" and even though their native land was at war with America.

All I'm saying is this: after America reaches the moon, this great technological advance and this great victory for imperialism and capitalism will not change the mentality and attitudes of the American ruling circles. It may (reaching the moon) and probably will make them more bold and ruthless. It must be realized that a racist on the earth will be a racist on the moon; exploiters of the earth will exploit the moon; and most significant, a murderer of black and exploited people on the earth will still be a murderer and an oppressor on the moon. THE MOON BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

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"OUR ENEMY'S FRIENDS ARE ALSO OUR ENEMIES"

Bobby Seale & David Hilliard
Interview with The Barb 8/4/69

BARB: When you talk about this you're talking about proletarian culture like in Frantz Fanon's book "Wretched Of The Earth", he talks about decolonization as a process whereby a new species of man replaces the old species of man. Like when you got the new species comein, like they're going to have a whole new culture of their own, like what form would this take? I mean like this is after the proletarian revolution. I mean like during the revolution you have literature and culture of your own, but like after that, what form will it take?

DAVID: Well see, anything that exists after the revolution would be legitimate. And that I think that what Fanon was representing and what Fanon put forth was applicable to the Algerian situation. I would rather take the Marxist-Leninist position in saying that national culture is bourgeoisie culture and that the advocates of national culture could only be espousing and could only be advocating oppression. Because as I stated earlier, the only culture that we're interested in is an international culture. A proletarian culture where people can begin to move from a common interest against a common enemy. So that the kind of culture manifested in a proletarian internationalism would definitely be a revolutionary culture in the sense that all people would have the one thing in common, and that's, that they are moving against the social ills of one given society, the world as it is and that what they create out of that would be a universality of will, that they would have a common language and that common language would be, down with U.S. imperialism and all the reactionary forces.

BARB: I just want to ask Bobby a question. At the conference you were talking about students and calling this word "jive anarchism", and I'm just wondering exactly what you mean by that?

CHAIRMAN: I meant that there's many who was acting in a very anarchistic manner. We understand that they don't relate to organization, hardly at all. Most of them we find are just running around trying to get some place where they could sit up and blow some weed, and drop some acid. Whereas the people's struggle, when you start working for the proletariat, you're serving the proletariat, you have to serve them in some kind of organization, some kind of government. And they have no real interest in some kind of organization that really goes forward to serve the people. Not for weed and grass and stuff like this here, but really to do something functional for the people, they don't have this interest. And their whole activity, their whole way of doing things is completely out of context with principles and organization, what have you.

BARB: Are you talking about like P.L.?

CHAIRMAN: P.L. is a bunch of jive racists, that's what P.L. is. P.L. as far as the Party's concerned is infiltrated by the CIA. P.L. is used to attack every liberation struggle in the world, by the fascist pigs. Where they use workers against workers, we see here P.L. is just an organization being used against organizations. In the past where fascism has used workers against workers, it's using organizations against organizations.

BARB: Do you actually think that P.L. is manipulated by the CIA?

CHAIRMAN: P.L. AND the US organization.

BARB: How about like Trotskyists. What does the Black Panther Party have against Trotsky? I notice that you got a picture of Stalin around.

DAVID: I'd like to say that, that's a historical settlement, you know. And that the arguments that took place in Russia between Stalin and Trotsky still reside in the museums of history and that we don't condemn Trotsky as an integeral part in the revolution. We only condemn Trotsky's actions in terms of cutting himself away from the lumpen masses and taking the side of the social democrats, which is as I've said a historical question. So that there is no disagreements with the advocates of Trotskyism as far as we're concerned, because Trotsky was a Commissariat General of the Red Army and the founder of the Red Army, and the man did some good things. So that we don't use that as a point of departure or a point of association in terms of aligning ourselves with revolutionary comrades. We would not use such narrow means for weeding people out. But the one thing that we're very careful of doing now is distinguishing real friends from real enemies. So that whether you call them Trotskyists or P.L., S.D.S., I.S.C. or whatever brand of initials that they come under, if they're taking sides with our enemies, then we say that our enemy's friends are also our enemies. So that we don't just relate to the Trotskyists as being our enemies, or P.L. as being our enemies, we see them as all being a part of the oppressive, fascist power structure that's moving against all the revolutionary forces. And that we're going to make it very clear to these people that, that's the light that we see them in, and unless they change their approach to our situation, then we're going to be moving against them in the same fashion as we would any other enemies, because we're tired of wasting words and they don't dictate to us, they don't tell us how to run our struggle. They're a bunch of bourgeois reactionaries, they're a bunch of college kids. We relate to the Young Patriots, we relate to the suffering masses and that these people had better check their game, they had better stop running their mouth, because the things that they say behind closed doors, when it gets to the Black Panther Party, it's just like coming from McClellan's desk, you know. So we want to make it clear to them that they'd better either identify themselves with the emblem of the star and join the fascists, or they'd better come down very clear and let us know that their politics is just immature and they don't know what's going on.

BARB: How about S.D.S. what's the Black Panthers attitude toward them?

DAVID: My attitude, and I think that I share the unity of concept and will with the Party. S.D.S. is - dizzy from success, you know. That they have asserted the right for the revolutionary vanguard of the oppressor country. But the Black Panther Party hasn't endorsed that. We don't see S.D.S as being so revolutionary. We see S.D.S. as just being another pacification front, that's given credit by the fascist establishment, in order to cause disfusion in hopes that this would weaken the support for the Black Panther Party. So that the message that we gave prior, to your question concerning S.D.S. is also applicable to S.D.S.. S.D.S. had better get their politics straight because the Black Panther Party is drawing some very clear lines between friends and enemies. And that we're going to make it very clear to them that we're not going to be attacked from any of those motherfuckers in the mother country, that we would rather fight those motherfuckers than to have them attack us.

BARB: Have you heard anything from S.D.S. since the conference as far as like whether or not they're going to support the police decentralization program?

CHAIRMAN: Only to the extent that they still had their politics messed up, because they're running around talking about they refuse to circulate the petition in the white community. This we've heard, and if they want to go around propagating some absurd stuff about what they think they are, and how revolutionary they think they are, and they think they're gonna come in here and think they're gonna run the black community, they got it all backwards. The best thing they can do is respect the Young Patriots, because we know the Young Patriots said that they're going to circulate it like hell. Because we relate to them on the same class level as we are.

BARB: So in other words, like S.D.S. shouldn't be coming down into the black community trying to circulate it, they should be doing it in their own community?

CHAIRMAN: You damn right, they should be doing it amongst the working class of the white community. And if they want to learn how to draw clear lines of demarcation they can separate and don't circulate it for the ruling class part of the white community. That's very important, regardless of who lives up there, even if it's some blacks live up there - living with the ruling class. Don't deal with that ruling class aspect of it like Piedmont. We ain't doing nothing about that area.

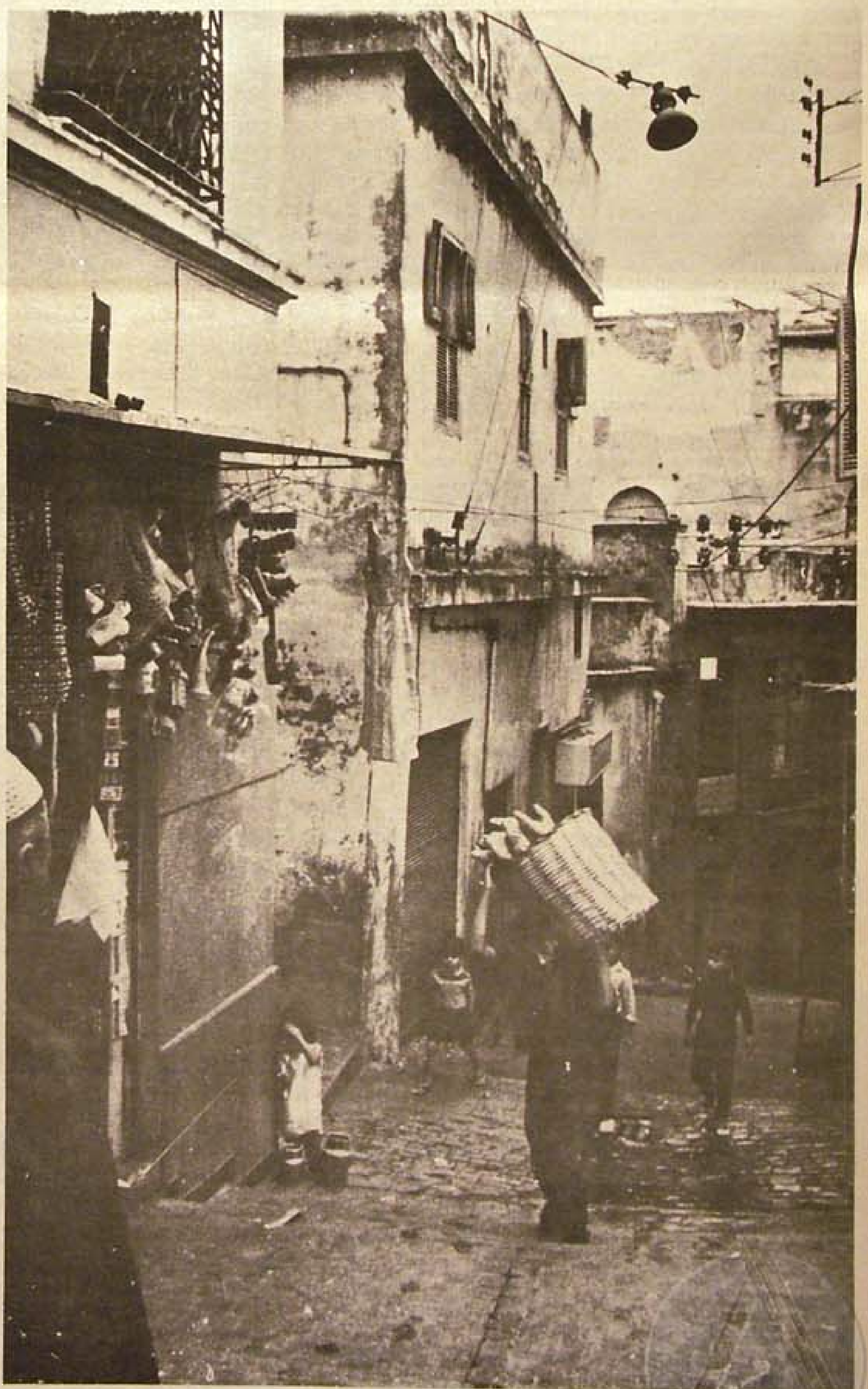
BARB: Well they've got their own private force now anyway don't they?

CHAIRMAN: Yes, they have their own private force. But there's other areas in other cities in the country, that have ruling class communities, and they should draw lines of demarcation and not work in those areas, but work amongst the poor white and poor working class white community. It's like Huey P. Newton says, "we are not going to just change what's happening in the black community, and allow for the oppressor - to continue - in the oppressor country - to continue with the same old operation. They need to be civilized and changed too. So we have a common thing that realtes to peoples common interest of survival.

BARB: Well, the thing about S.D.S is that, that they talk about being revolutionary but most of them are actually from the middle class (Chairman interjects - "we know that"), and now they talk about power coming from the barrel of a gun and this sort of thing - like, where do you think that's at?

DAVID: Well, we say that theory is nothing without social practice. So that we say that they have to do more than phrase monger and sling slogans, you know. That we say power comes through the barrel of a gun too, you know. And that we have exemplified that. And that S.D.S. cannot attain any revolutionary credibility or that they will not be considered revolutionaries just because they throw around revolutionary slogans. That we're still waiting for the John Browns in the white community. And that we see that manifested in the Young Patriots, and not those little bourgeois, snooty nose motherfucking S.D.S.'s. And that we're gonna kick their motherfucking ass, if they don't freeze on their shit, and we want to make that clear to them. Because the Black Panther Party has taken the position against the most reactionary elements of this racist, fascist society, and that's manifested in the military regime, from the domestic arm to the United States Marines. And we'll beat those little sissies, those little school boy's ass if they don't try to straighten up their politics. So we want to make that known to S.D.S. and the first motherfucker that gets out of order had better stand in line for some kind of disciplinary actions from the Black Panther Party. Because there has been a coup in America, the Black Panther Party has overthrown the black bourgeoisie, the Roy Wilkins, the James Formers, the A.Philip Randolphs, the Wilford Usserys. It's very clear that the Black Panther Party is the only recognized government of black people. And I think that, that was made clear with our invitation to the Algerian Conference - where we were the guests of the Algerian government in the midst of all the liberation struggles against U.S. imperialism. And that we're not going to take any shit from a bunch of little pusillanimous'. So you had better make it clear through your media, that the Black Panther Party is beginning to define real enemies from real friends. And at the rate that they're moving, they got some cleaning up to do.

BARB: Well, is this like recently, I mean it seemed that the Panthers had a pretty good relation-



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ship with S.D.S. up until the time of the conference.

DAVID: Well, we say that the conference was a magnifying glass, you know. The conference was sort of a dissettling process, you know. It was like - it was like weeding out the good from the bad, it was like making a distinction between the reactionaries and the revolutionaries. And that we see that as being an achievement. And that it's a reward in our respect, because it clearly shows that all of the so-called revolutionary forces from the oppressor country are still just as oppressive as they were when they were born. And that they're not revolutionaries, that they are national chauvinists, that they are national socialists. That the kind of socialism that they advocate is nothing more than an acute case of racism, manifested in every organization that white counterparts are allowed to participate in. And that we're sick and tired of those motherfuckers telling us or trying to dictate to us how we should run our struggle, who to align with. That we're the vanguard of the struggle, not because we're Black Panthers, but because we're black and that our situation dictates that we must be vanguard in order to survive the genocide that's in store for black people in America. And that I think that they need to be reminded that if it were not for the Black Panther Party, or black people in particular in America - that there would be no need for S.D.S. and that they would probably be - be laying up in some park - Yellowstone Park somewhere freaking off. And we want them to know that we're not going to stand any shit from them. And that's our position, and that we're going to defend that and if they think we're jiving - tell them to make another reactionary statement against us.

BARB: Well, beside the Young Patriots - out of the three hundred groups that were at the conference - who turned out to be real friends and who turned out to be enemies. I mean there was a lot of them there who weren't really what you consider radicals. Which ones came out that you think will be able to help you?

CHAIRMAN: We think that the Young Patriots exemplified and represents the peoples struggle in the oppressor country. And we respect them, because of the class relationship or the class level that we both exist on, in terms of this being - human beings in the black community and human beings in the white community. And we don't relate, as David already pointed out, to a bunch of those jive bourgeois, national socialists, and those national chauvinists who gonna try and dictate what they're going to do in the black community. We respect the Young Patriots, because they want to work, and have stated that they want to work, and they are going to work, in their white community to raise the consciousness of the masses of the poor white and poor working class white people.

BARB: Besides the Young Patriots, what other groups who were at the conference can you relate to?

CHAIRMAN: We relate to a number of organizations, different kinds of organizations, such as the Medical Committee to Defend Human Rights. We relate to the Youth Against War and Fascism. We relate to a number of them. But these so-called revolutionary groups one or two of them - all the way over to S.W.P. are just jiving, you know. They're lying to themselves and they don't understand who black people are and they don't understand that black people ain't gonna sit here and play no games with them, that they have to get up off of it. Other organizations seemingly are relating in a manner to respect the fact that black people have a right to self determination. And respect the organization because of our internationalist line and philosophy that we consistantly put into practice. That is, not only are we for the right of self determination, but we're also internationalists. We relate to other peoples and other people's struggle, because our struggle is only part and parcel and one with the whole world revolutionary struggle of the proletariat.

BARB: How about the Communist Party, like there was rumors around that the Communist Party was dominating the conference, this sort of thing. What's your relationship with C.P.?

CHAIRMAN: We dominated the conference. C.P didn't dominate no conference. We didn't dominate the conference in the sense of what they're trying to say. We didn't dominate it - but we ran the conference and that's what it was. And C.P. did not run that conference, they worked along with us, like the Medical Committee for Human Rights and everybody, that helped do certain work to help put that conference over. And C.P did do that. And that's just a fascist pig tactic to try to say that the Black Panther Party is led by the Communist Party, and we're not against Communism - we dig Communism. And we have criticisms of the American Communist Party, and lately they're relating to the criticism because we told them they had to put more things into practice, and it seems that they did better than some of the other organizations, because they actually came out and did some degree of work to put the conference over, when we sat down and talked to them.



"The Black Panther Party has Overthrown the Black Bourqeorsie."

DAVID: We want to make it clear, because we're not interested in interviews with the Barb, with the Tribe, or any of those other labels, you know. What we're interested in is creating some conditions so that we can once and for all sit down and the opinions that we voice will be an international opinion - it will be the people's opinion. And that we don't have to speak as individual organizations. But it is obvious that all these little splinter organizations, all these little Boy Scouts and Brownie groups that call themselves revolutionaries, are coming up against something that's obviously too revolutionary for them to deal with. They criticized the circulation of our petition not because they're not intelligent enough to realize the revolutionary implications of it, but because one always finds excuses for taking to the least line of resistance. And that we know that S.D.S. and all the other people of that ilk, are very well geared to - and that they understand very well what that petition means. They know that, the petition does not mean that the black community will allow the fascist to parade, to patrol our communities in order to secure the imperialist and the capitalistic businesses in our communities. But rather the implementation of that petition in reality would mean that the people of the community would have control over the guns in that community. And that, that's a situation where the people will begin to exert power. The power will be invested in the hands of the people. And that we see as being a very revolutionary step towards making the revolution - towards the people controlling the means of production. And that anyone that has such impaired vision toward the ultimate of the police decentralization petition - are either a bunch of lunatics, a bunch of idiots, a bunch of morons, or they're opportunists and that they're not concerned with revolution, but they are only concerned in the maintenance of this oppressive system. And that out of all the articles that I've read since I've been back here in Babylon I'm satisfied to believe that S.D.S. is not revolutionary at all. And that all that they did was give play to our ten-point program, all that they did was said that they adopt and they support the Black Panther Party's ten point program. Well, I say that they must think that the Black Panther Party is full of fools, full of ignorant niggers. But we want to make it clear to all the S.D.S.'s and the P.Lers, the pigs and the fascists that we have a mind of our own, and yes we support Al-Fath in the Palestinian struggle. And that we make our decisions, and we support who we want to support, and that we're here to make revolution and if those motherfuckers are in opposition to that revolution, then that just means that we'll have to muster more guns within our own community in order to move against all the racists - be they young or old.

BARB: The thing is, because the police decentralization program is so revolutionary, I mean if it went into effect it would change all the relationships between the people and the power. (Chairman interjects "Correct") The thing is - like this is going to be too much for the law to handle, they would never - I mean' if there was a petition - even if the City charter was amended they would never step down. What would you do in this case - I mean if you filed it through the legal steps -

CHAIRMAN: One implementation of the community control of the police will exhaust all political means, it would be the last ditch stand of the ballot or the bullet like Malcolm X, first put forth. And from there the people will understand you can't use in the past - what you used in the past you can't necessarily use now, you would exhaust the political means and the Party is very revolutionary, we work with the level of the conscience of the people. The petition is very significant in any one city in America - it would change the whole relationship between the masses of the people and the fascist pig department, and the people would have to go forth to actually in fact remove them. Because they would see themselves as being legal. That they in fact have a right to survive and they must drive the pigs out and stop the fascism that's rampant in America now.

BARB: So this is like the last chance for the democratic system - you will play along with it this time and if it doesn't go -

DAVID: We're not going to fall victim to fetish, you know. We're not prophets. And that we realize that revolutions are dependent upon the actions of the people, that weapons are not decisive, that we cannot blue-print the revolution, we don't have a crystal ball, and we don't know that this is the last ditch stand. All that we know is that it would have a profound effect - that it would be a most important lesson. It would be a PhD in political understanding for the oppressed masses. When they move within the legal framework of the system to try to implement programs, to try to get this petition on the ballot so that the people can put an end to the terror that's rampant within the colony. So that anyone that takes a position against that petition is in fact supporting the fascism that we're moving against. And whether it's S.D.S. or the McClellan Committee, we want to make it clear to them that we have our guns and we're not going to lay them down, and we're going to advocate more people taking up guns. And that we're going to make it very clear - we're going to make it crystal clear to all the people that were in attendance at that conference what we expect from them. And that all we expect from them is enough courage to circulate that petition. Now we say that, that would be a vanguard step even for S.D.S. Because we're not going to let them worm their way out of their duty. If they're revolutionaries then this is what we, as the vanguard of the revolution in Babylon dictate, that they circulate THAT petition NOT in our community but in their community where the Birchites, the Klan, where the Chief of Police, their mamas and their daughters and all the forces of reaction and racism are manifested, where they all hold up. And we say that unless they're willing to do that, then they're giving sanctuary to the criminals, that they're giving sanctuary to the racists, fascists. To decentralize the community imperialists, and implement probably on just the community level - Socialism. And that's probably too Marxist-Leninist for those motherfuckers to understand, but we think that Stalin was very clear in this concept - that socialism could be implemented in one country, we say that it can be implemented in one community. And any motherfuckers that come down here, that move against our programs are in fact supporting the imperialists, that they're supporting the fascists and we're going to move against them and we ain't going to ask no names, we're not going to look at their long hair, we're not going to check their I.D.'s, only thing that we're going to start checking people on, is their credit and what they implement in social practice. Because we're tired of motherfuckers giving soft-talk and small talk from chairs. We're tired of people shouting, we're tired of people slinging phrases, because we're up against the wall and it's very clear what they have planned for us. So we're going to work on a time schedule - we're going to work on a time schedule, and that every ounce of our energy is going to be geared to trying to bring Eldridge back to Babylon, so that we can wage our struggle and get our Minister of Defense, Huey P. Newton's feet on the ground, to get him functional back into our community. And we say fuck the oppressor country because possibly the best thing that could happen to the motherfucker is to reconstruct it. We need a relocation, but the relocation is not geared to the black community. We need to relocate the racists, we need to put the racists in institutions. We need to tear down the old institutions and build some new ones. And if the young white people of Babylon are not willing to follow the vanguard's lead, manifested in black people in America, not just the Black Panther Party, then we say well, right on racists, right on enemies. Because we're defining them as such. And that we're going to start moving on them as such. And we're going to create a situation that the black community is going to be liberated territory and if it has to be a situation where we can only allow people of other ethnic groups that we can trust to come in, then that's what we want. Because we're going to set up a barricade and we say fuck them in their ass, and we don't owe them shit. They haven't done a motherfucking thing except run their mouth. And if they make one more counter-revolutionary statement, if they make one more attack upon our Party - then we're going to begin to attack them in the same light that we do all the rest of the fascists of this power structure and that's it in toto.

THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY SUPPORTS THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S LIBERATION STRUGGLE



Black Panther Party Cultural Center in Algiers



Art Display in Afro-American Center. Art by Emory

PAN-AFRICAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL

ALGIERS



Thousands Visit Black Panther Party Center Daily



Eldridge, Baby Dee and "Masai" with Daughter of Richard Wright



Black Panthers Are Center of Attraction

U.F.A.F. CONFERENCE
RELIGION VERSUS FASCISM

FATHER EARL NEIL SPEAKS

- Father Earl Neil

St. Augustines Church, 27th and West Streets, Oakland.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE, POWER TO THE PEOPLE, FREE HUEY! Right on.

O.k. this past Friday night when the Conference opened, Dr. Aptheker was making a speech and he made some reference to somebody who said - who used the word Jesus, and I heard a lot of groans coming from the audience. And a lot of you might have some kind of groans in your internal organs when you see a collar or you see a clergy, or you hear the word religion or you hear the word church. And you've been rapping on institutions for the last two days and right now I want to take a few moments and rap on you. 'Cause you can rap on the church all you like, but how many pigs have you killed today? You ain't killed no more than I have, and I haven't killed any.

Now one of the reasons - now this is a very important thing why a lot of you all got hangups on religion or on Jesus, because Jesus if understood correctly, was really a very profound, a very dedicated revolutionary. When Jesus described what his own work was going to be, he said that he came to preach good news to the poor, he came to heal the broken hearted, not to apply first aid, but he came to heal the broken hearted. He came to release captives, he came to give sight to the blind and more important he came to give liberty to the oppressed, and if any of you CIA and FBI pigs out there don't believe it, check it out, it's in Luke, chapter 14 verses 18 through 19. So Jesus was a revolutionary and he saw his own work, his own ministry as dealing with the human condition, of dealing with oppressed people. And you know when you really look at Jesus, Jesus would be very much at home here, because Jesus was a political prisoner, he was arrested, not because he was an uncle tom Jew, but because he was a threat to the establishment. If Jesus was an uncle tom Jew, then they would have left him alone, to keep the Jewish people oppressed, to feed them all kinds of Kool-Aid, make them think it was scotch. Jesus also was an organizer, he organized workers. He took some fishermen and he organized them, they were called his apostles and because Jesus moved on the condition of the oppressed people of his day, he came to be a threat to the Fascist Roman government of his day. He was arrested, he was tried by a Kangaroo Court, there was an informer, who finked on him - there were his buddies, who one Peter in example, said "I'm gonna stick with him through thick and thin", and when things got thick he thinned out, and you see all that we've been talking about, and all that we have experienced Jesus experienced too. And so when you really get down to understand Jesus, you really understand the role, the vital role that religion is going to have to play in this whole United Front Against Fascism.



Father Neil Raps About Fascism

Now one of the reasons that we all get hungup about religion or Jesus, when you hear this Jesus talk as it's referred to, is because the same fascist power structure who gives us a distorted view of the Black Panther Party, who gives us a distorted view of the Third World Liberation Front, who gives us a distorted view of S.D.S., who gives us a distorted view of the Young Patriots, etc., this same fascist power structure is responsible for society getting a distorted view of what Jesus was all about. Jesus was a bad dude, and I know any of you could really relate to him, if you really understood him. And the thing about it, you will take the time to seek out the truth about the Black Panther Party, you will take time to seek out the truth about the Third World Liberation Front, you'll take time to seek out the truth about S.D.S and the Young Patriots, and remember that without investigation, you got no right to talk. And you've been chump enough to believe all this crap about - that they have been talking to you about the church and what the church is all about. But we're here to try to put an end to this right from the git go. The distortion that you have understood the church and religion and Jesus to be is just another part, a very subtle and a very vicious and a very insidious part of this whole fascist regime that we are living under. And this whole distortion about what the church is all about, what the church should be about or what religion should be about, is started in the seminaries. It's started in the theological schools where fellas go to be preachers, because the same man who contribute to the finances to the upkeep of those schools are the same men who are sitting on the boards of General Motors, same one who is sitting on the Board of Safeway stores, same avaricious businessman that you been talking about, and rapping about all week end. The same men are financially supporting the seminaries, and if there is a theological professor, a teacher in this school, who tries to instill any kind of social conscience in his students, then he is offed just like Dr. Hare was offed.

Another way this fascist regime uses the church - uses the church is in its national church bodies, the national church bodies also are the benefactors of the contributions of these avaricious businessmen, the economic powers of this country. Episcopalians got Harvey Firestone, to name one. The national bodies of which the Episcopal church is one - which I am a member - the national bodies of the Episcopal church among many other national bodies also are the other national bodies invest money in banks - there are ten banks in a consortium that have established a forty million dollar loan fund for South Africa - to support Fascism in South Africa. In New York City it's the Chase Manhattan Bank, Morgan Guarantee and Trust, the First New York Bank, in Chicago, the Continental Bank, out here in San Francisco, it's the Bank of America - those are five of the ten banks that have invested in a forty million dollar loan to South Africa, to support that Fascist regime there. And the Episcopal church has got its bank account in the Chase Manhattan Bank and who runs the Chase Manhattan Bank - David Rockefeller. O.K., you see how this just a little bit of digression, you see how this forty million dollar loan runs that's being supported by this ten bank consortium and who holds the investments of our national church bodies. Say another set went down in South Africa like the Sharpesville massacre, and say that countries cut off their economic trade with South Africa, the South African government would just draw on this forty million dollar loan as a revolving fund - they just draw on it to keep up their economic interest. In case a revolution went down, some of the black brothers in South Africa really got - arrived at the point where they're going to overthrow that apartheid, fascist system. They could borrow money from this forty million loan fund, buy guns from France and wipe out the whole revolution. This is how this stuff goes, it's very insidious, in a way it's very complicated, but the church, by keeping its money in these banks, is supporting Fascism in South Africa. The church is supporting Fascism internationally. Another way that Fascism is operated in the church, is that you check out right after Nixon was elected what was the first social commitment that he made - he went down to Los Angeles to some jive testimonial dinner for that racist, fascist pig arch-bishop McIntyre. That was the first social commitment that devil made. And then who did he next appoint as the head of the civil rights commission -- Father Headsburg, the President of Notre Dame, the same President of Notre Dame, that said if any of his students rebelled, he'd give them fifteen minutes to meditate and if they didn't change their minds, he'd kick their behinds off the campus. So Nixon has paid his dues to a church structure, this is the stuff that goes down.

Now how can we revolutionize the church, how can we revolutionize religion to deal with the Fascism that we are living under? Well one way is for us to form religious committees in whatever organizations that we represent. Have some religious committees to relate to revolutionaries who are in the church structure - and there are revolutionaries in the church structure, you may not know it. The percentage of revolutionaries within the church structure, is about the same percentage of revolutionaries among all the college students, it's a small percentage, but there are. What you have to do is form religious committees to try and relate to them, try to get some communication and contact with the various revolutionaries within the various church structures. Then when you get in - when you get in be it on a local level, or - if it ever moves to a national level - and you can be involved in the policy making and decision making, the first thing you ought to do is have them to call your missionaries back from Africa, and send them to the heathen in the suburbs. And their lives would be in greater danger there, from the minutemen and birchers, than they would be in the Congo. The next thing you do after you form religious committees and establish some kind of a front with the revolutionaries within church denominational bodies, that you challenge the building programs that are going on, you challenge the use of segregated building trade unions - you challenge their use. When a church builds a building, it's being built by segregated, discriminatory unions, and this is contributing to Fascism, contributing to racism, you name it.

Another area that we can move in, is in church school curriculum. Now I could - I do not give a damn about teaching the young people of my church, about how many parts there are to a church, what the proper clergical colors are. I want to teach about the old testament, and you know what the old testament is about? It's about God leading the Jewish people in wars of liberation - so Sunday school should be liberation school. And finally, perhaps the most important thing that clergymen and other concerned laymen have to do is that we're going to have to redefine what is moral and what is ethical.

This Fascist government has used the church to teach its congregation, its people what is moral and what is ethical according to Fascist and racist definitions. We have to redefine what is moral and redefine what is ethical. What is necessary to survive America is moral and is ethical. To take an example, I would like to use from the Old Testament - the first time - you got an incident where Moses walks out one fine day and sees an Egyptian pig beating the hell out of one of his brothers. And so we read in there, and again for CIA and FBI agents, it's in Exodus Two, verses 11 through 13. And so we read that Moses looked this way and he looked that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. When Moses achieved some racial identity and political awareness, and he saw this Egyptian pig beating the hell out of one of his brothers, he didn't have no sit-in on Pharaoh's palace, he didn't sign no petition and wave it under Pharaoh's nose, he looked this way and he looked that way and then he killed the Egyptian. Moses did what was necessary. Moses did what was necessary to survive at that moment in history. Killing that Egyptiay pig, fascist pig was moral and was ethical, because it allowed him to survive at that time. And it didn't upset God too much because later on, God used Moses to lead the Jewish people to liberation anyway. When Christian clergymen, or Jewish clergymen or a Hindu preacher have to think - try to think of a theological reason as to whether or not he should fight Fascism, that is no good - we have to stop this. God gave us all life, and life exists primarily to be preserved, not to be sacrificed. When you see a fascist pig moving on you, I certainly am not going to teach my people to get down on their knees in prayer to ask God what they should do, because the way these pigs are moving, you won't be around long enough to get an answer. If we have to take time - the man needs no reason to vamp on us, the fact that you are protesting and you want change is good enough reason. So we do not have to think of theological reasons why we should fight Fascism. So we get out and move out of all this theory - about love for people and their survival and get into some practice. Moses moved from theory to practice. Nat Turner moved from theory to practice. And the best prayer that I can suggest to anybody - is to defend yourself, make your defense a prayer.

Now we have some - a lot of other speakers, so I'm gonna cut it off at this point, and say that - No, I have one more point I wanted to make, and that we must allow the man to define what is moral and what is ethical, because he has no respect for religion, he has no respect for the church, he has no respect for a collar. The night before Dr. King was murdered, the Oakland pig department tried to vamp on a Black Panther Party meeting

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People Battle Cops Over Flooded Park

Blatant police repression and the ensuing anger of the people led to the first major rebellion in the Black community on Sunday, July 13. The violence, which continued for a number of days, left two Black people dead, several wounded and injured and nearly a hundred arrested. At least two police are dead and an unknown number wounded.

The rebellion began when the police soaked the grounds of Mountain View Park on 40th and Oceanview early Sunday morning in order to discourage people gathering there, thereby provoking a violent confrontation. They got what they wanted, but they suffered for it also.

For some time now, it has been common practice for Black people to gather and socialize on Sundays at the parks in the Black community. When the people showed up in the mid-afternoon, they found four cop cars in the parking lot, two cars cruising the streets running through the park and the usual gathering grounds nearly a swamp.

The confrontation began when the cops began hassling one brother on the street. The brother, Steve Harris, was harrassed, beaten and finally arrested (charges not known.) The people then filtered to the parking lot and began to tell the cops in no uncertain terms what they thought about them.

At this point more cops showed up and began to fire tear gas at the crowd. The people responded by throwing bricks and bottles at the pigs. One tear gas cannister landed in the lap of an eight or nine year-old girl and exploded in her face; the extent of her injuries is not known.

At this point pigs moved on the park in force and the shooting began. Reports have it that the police fired first and a girl was hit. The people began to defend themselves at this point and the rebellion was in full swing.

The exact order of events is nearly impossible to determine, but several incidents are known. One brother, Bruce Lewis, was murdered as he ran down the hill in the park trying to get away from the scene. He was shot three times -- in the stomach, chest and shoulder, and died almost instantly. Three brothers moved to see what could be done to help him and the pigs ordered them to carry the body to their cars. The three were then arrested and the pigs kicked Lewis' body several times.

One officer died at the park when he was shot in the chest six times. Another cop was killed when he was shot in the head four times. Another Black man, Wilerd Brian, was killed when he was shot point-blank range by a 16 guage shotgun in Caps Grocery Store on the 3600 block of Oceanview. The owner, Caps, claimed that he thought that Brian was going to rob him, but Brian's friends say he went there to buy cigarettes. He died inside the store as Mr. Caps stood outside with his shotgun. Mr. Caps was not charged by the police.

The violence continued as a four year old male child was shot in the stomach. Houses in the park area were also teargassed as pigs tried to find snipers. One woman's home had her windows shot out and her home ransacked when the cops thought a sniper was there. They found only her and her two terrified children.

All in all about two hundred pigs responded to the rebellion at the park.

The rebellion continued through Sunday night as sporadic shooting, burning and liberation of food and other commodities spread throughout the Black community. Police road blocks went up on all major streets in the community but things didn't cool down until early Monday morning.

At some point somebody fired on a line of police with a Thompson sub-machine gun. Reports from various witnesses said that more than a few pigs fell during that exchange. It is not known if any cops died from that fusillade, but a Thompson is a 45-caliber weapon and therefore causes a lot of damage to its victims.

Undoubtedly scared by this, the pigs moved on their favorite target, the Black Panther Party, trying to find the weapon. According to the landlord of the Panther office, who was in the vicinity at the time, nearly a hundred cops surrounded the office late Monday night while several of them broke in. Using a tire iron to break the locks (which they left behind), the pigs tore up the office armed with a search warrant for the Thompson sub-machine gun. Failing to find it, they confiscated a shotgun and all of the Panther medical supplies. They also scattered Panther materials all over the office and generally made a mess of the whole office.

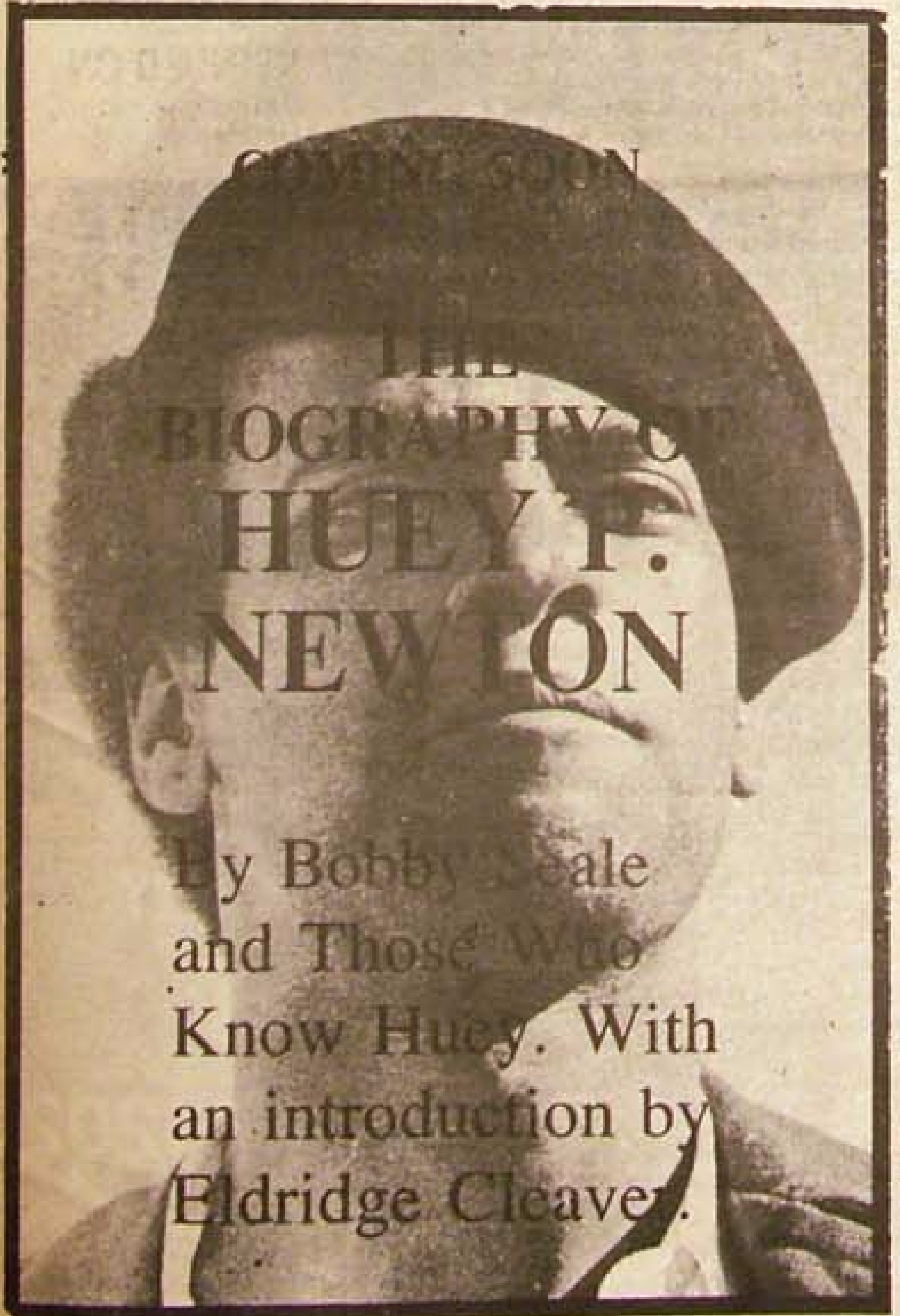
Needless to say the San Diego Police Dept. and the Establishment newspapers have failed to report most of what happened in this incident. The cops have refused to acknowledge their losses in the rebellion. They can't afford to let the public know what went down because they want the people to think they are invincible, but anyone in the Black community knows this is a myth. The San Diego Onion & The Heaving Tribune have only reported what the pigs have told them and keep claiming that only two "Negroes" were killed and that the people of the community like the pigs and want more of them. Their reports are only half-truths, if not lies.

Tensions were high in the Black community throughout the week and everyone was expecting more trouble. Late last week Carroll Waymonn from the Citizens Interracial Council held a press conference at City Hall and asked that the police be withdrawn from the park area on the following Sunday, July 20, or they would face a worse confrontation than they had on the previous Sunday. Also, on Sunday July 20 the South East Ministerial Alliance held a gathering at the park to promote "peace" in the area. On Saturday July 19 the city manager announced that the pigs would stay away from the area.

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PANTHER OFFICE AFTER PIG RAID



LETTER FROM BROTHER SERVING TIME

Hello Brothers,

It is after some serious thinking that I decided to write to you. I am at present serving a two year prison sentence for alleged incitement to riot and incitement to carry offensive weapons, charges which in "democratic" Britain arise from merely handing out leaflets.

I must express my sincere admiration at the great work put up by you and the other brothers. The kind of things you all have been doing were things I always dreamt of being able to organize and participate in. Unfortunately, it is not always easy to find selfless, dedicated and totally committed people who have this perception of our reality and understand the amount of sacrifice and hard work necessary. When I was out, I was also involved in the campaign to free Huey.

In our own particular scene, we have been plagued by a number of paper "revolutionaries" whose only ability is to get publicity for themselves. One must be careful before extending any kind of support to publicity-created leaders. One must examine the personalities involved, their behavior and the amount of grassroot support if any they command. My advice to anybody far away from the scene who might want to form an opinion, is to entrust somebody into the task of quietly observing and analyzing the people in question before extending endorsement and support.

A frequent stratagem of these counter revolutionary elements is to start a campaign of smear and slander against anyone who might question their actions or just question whether their stance as leaders in the eyes of the bourgeois press is of any advantage to our struggle. Such has recently been the case against Peter Martin who, to my knowledge, has always been sincere, fully dedicated and has suffered for his beliefs.

I extend my solidarity with brother Huey. A worldwide campaign against kangaroo court tactics and legal lynchings in the U.S. and elsewhere is necessary. Now that Rob (RFW) has decided to return this summer to his native land, I am sure all the brothers will extend their full support to the one man whom I greatly admire and who has been always articulate in expressing our own reactions to injustice and degradation.

I regret that in my present circumstances I am unable to express myself fully and can't spell out the ideas I would have liked to. For the moment I do not have privacy in my communications.

Yours fraternally,
Tony S. Soares

Greetings From Denmark

The Left Wing Socialist Party of Denmark
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Copenhagen, July 15, 1969

Front Against Fascism.

The Left Wing Socialist Party in Denmark express our complete solidarity with and support to your efforts to create a United Front Against Fascism in the USA

We are fully aware of the grave situation under which you have to work. Although our information is not always sufficient, we clearly understand that the USA is in a phase of openly violent repression against all forces that try to oppose American capitalism at home and imperialism abroad, and we hope that this conference will contribute to a more coordinated and consequently more political powerful fight against a development towards an openly fascist society.

Through our own fight against Danish membership in NATO and American imperialism where ever we meet it, we try to yield some aid to the success of your efforts.

With Revolutionary Greetings
The Executive Committee of the Left Wing Socialist Party of Denmark

HAITIAN STUDENTS SUPPORT NLF

FROM PG. 9

helpful in throwing light on some of the developments in this area of the world.

The patriotic Haitian Students residing in France send their fraternal support to the demonstration of solidarity with the struggle of oppressed people against imperialism.

Comrades, it is a great joy for us every time we hear revolutionary militants proclaim American imperialism to be the people's number 1 enemy and mobilize the masses toward the necessity of isolating and defeating it.

Unfortunately, we regret not being able this evening to openly participate in the discussions on account of the extreme secrecy in which our struggle is taking place.

Nevertheless, we are sending you these few lines dealing with the political tactics of American imperialism in Haiti in recent times and with what we consider foremost in the Haitian people's opposition movement at the present moment.

It is now 11 years since DUVALIER, shabby, lackey of the State Department, supported on the outside by the financial aid of the American Capitalists and on the inside by a "comprador" bourgeoisie and by the feudal landlords, has been oppressing and stifling the Haitian masses.

Duvalier seized power at a time when Haiti's semi-colonial economic system was in full recession. Today, after 11 years of pro-imperialist dictatorship, the crisis in the system has deteriorated to the point where acute contradictions, which express themselves in recurrent armed donfrontations, are tearing asunder the exploiting classes, while the masses, under the yoke of fascist dictatorship, suffer the direst misery in all of Latin America. The country has become the prototype of the underdeveloped countries on the continent:

illiteracy: 93%

malnutrition: less than 15oo calories

unemployment: more than 70% of the population

In this explosive economical, political and social context (Haiti is an OVERHEATED STEAM ENGINE ready to BLOW UP, admits even the most reactionary commentators), the AMERICAN IMPERIALIST'S TACTIC has been of, on one hand, strongly supporting Duvalier whom they consider their only guarantee against any popular uprising, and on the other hand of preparing "preventive armed intervention", (the phrase was coined by Thomas Mann, himself the LATIN AMERICAN CHARGE D'AFFARIES) in the event of Duvalier no longer being able to control the situation.

The Haitian masses, who have a long and heroic past of anti-imperialist struggle behind them; struggle against Spanish colonialism in the 17th century, liberation war against French coloneal-ism from 1802 to 1804, armed resistance against American intervention in 1917 and 1918... are re-discovering the use of their guns in order to overthrow Duvalier and destroy imperialist domination in Haiti. Indeed, since the beginning of this year, the Haitian countryside has become the stage of peasant political and armed agitation against the oppressors, exploiters and criminals of the Regime; the people's National Liberation War is in preparation.

Comrades, the best way for the Haitian people to bring their contribution to the great world-wide anti-imperialist revolution is to isolate and throw down imperialism in Haiti. We are deeply convinced that we will not fail in this act of solidarity.

On the other hand, we must strengthen the bond of militant solidarity between revolutionaries of the world, between oppressed people and proletarians of all countries and fight for the unity of anti-imperialists forces on the basis of just revolutionary principles.

And so, in this perspective, we warmly praise the demonstration and express towards our comrades of other countries, especially those of Vietnam, our militant solidarity in the struggle against imperialism.

LONG LIVE the unity of the anti-imperialist forces of the world on the basis of just revolutionary principles.

LONG LIVE the militant solidarity of the oppressed people and proletarians of the world.

LONG LIVE the heroic struggle of the Vietnamese people against imperialism.

DOWN WITH U S. Imperialism, no. 1 enemy of the people of the world.

On behalf of the Patroitc Haitian Students of France, student groups which is part of the F E H.E. (Federation of Haitian Students in Europe)

S.C.L.C. MARCH MET WITH GUNS AND GAS

Gov. Edgar Whitcomb, Indiana's demogogic (lying) politician welcomed two thousand marchers, from the ranks of the S C.L.C. and people who were oppressed, with one hundred and fifty fascist members of the state pig department. These brutilizing murdering, pigs were armed with shotguns, M 16's, C.N.H. and tear gas canisters. Hovering above were helicopters. The march called by Rev. Andrew Brown was a protest march concerning poor and oppresed people, whom the state legislature had chosen to ignore. The Rev. Jesse Jackson was among the marchers seeking an audience with this reactionary, puppet of the power structure. After refusing to talk to the people the idiot made statements that he would never talk to a crowd of people concerning anything. Of course, we know that does not include election time.

This was the second unsuccessful march, and it is still hanging in the air as to what has been accomplished. It does show the pig that the masses can and will unite when denied their rights. This was the non-violent step, the next step the masses take will be revolutionary, and the people will win, by any means necessary, and the pig will be offed.

Looking further into Indiana news, the black community is still angry over the murder of 18 year old Daniel Graves by a fascist rookie pig.

The young black brother was shot in the back with a shotgun, as he fled from the fascist dog, who made sure that the youth had no chance for future life. The youth was an alledged suspect in a car theft, although, the murderer had a pistol and was supposed to be an expert with it he chose a shotgun to be sure he would bring death. He was cleared of any criminal charge. And the verdict of Tricky Dick Lugar (the mayor) and Wonder Boy Churchill, The pig chief, was as to be expected an unconstitutional justifiable homocide.

This brings to mind the murder of another black youth by the name of Jesse Woods who was shot at nine times and fatally wounded, his charge? Suspected car theif, Still another case crosses the minds of black people in Indiana, the case of the 15 year old black shot in the back by another fascist pig, his crime suspected car theft. Although he still carries the bullet in his back and has been cleared he still recieves harrassment.

Still another case is the case of a black youth shot down last year. In front of the bus station because he looked like someone else. You guessed it, justifiable homocide. To make a long story short, murder by the pig department is legal in Indiana.

We also wish to report that the Breakfast Program is picking up and that more mothers are participating. We held a press conference concerning the New York 21 and attempts to frame other Panthers in that city.

The Indiana Chapter sends congradulations to the Minister of Information and his wife and to their young revolutionary warrior, Intensify the Struggle.

Donald Campbell Deputy Minister of Information

RALLY FOR LANDON AND RORY

Here in the Denver Chapter we are intensifying the struggle to meet the needs of the people thru establishing a free Breakfast for Children Program which starts August 4.

At the same time we are intensifying the struggle to free two beautiful revolutionary brothers, Landon Williams, and Rory Hithe.

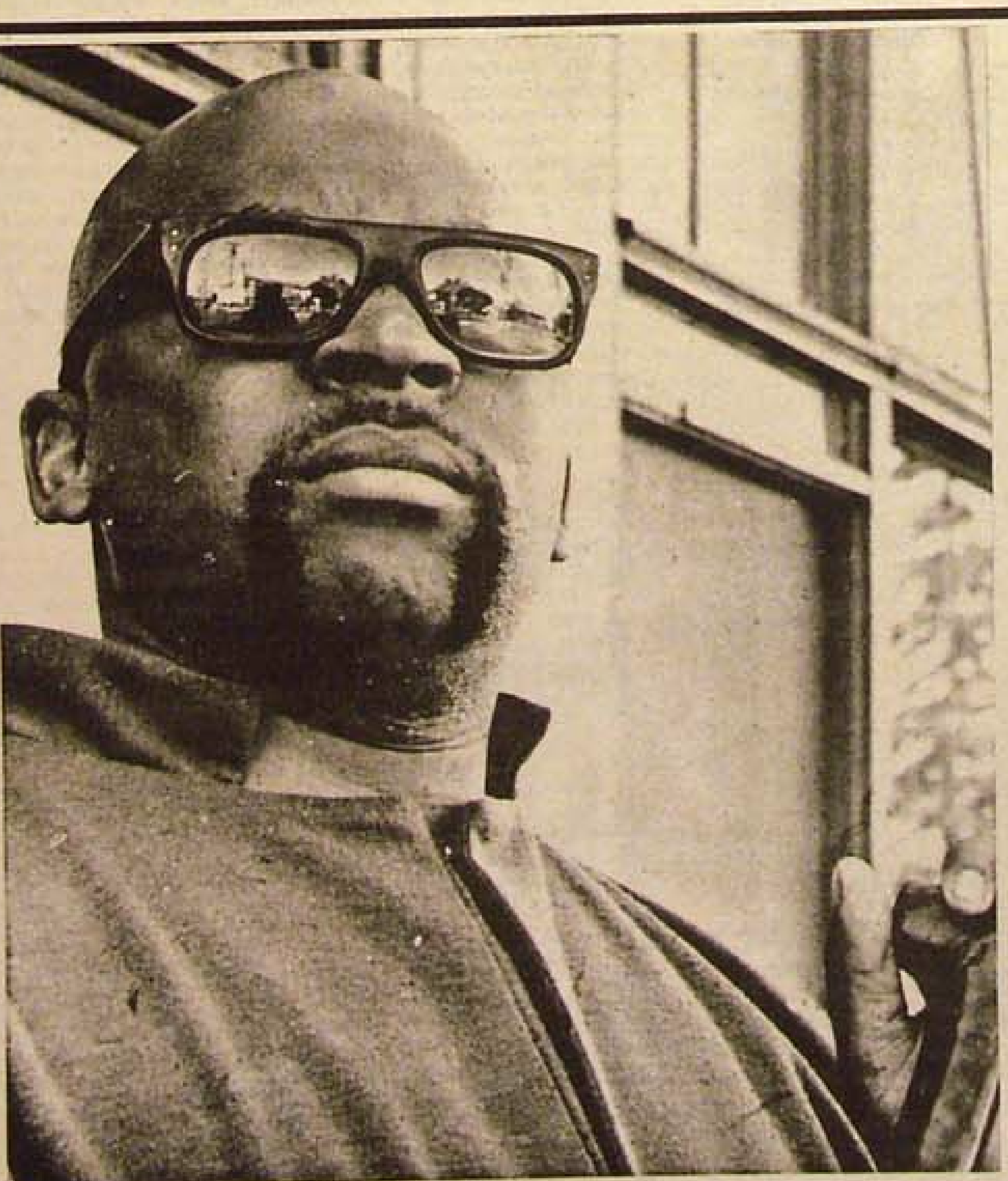
Landon and Rory were laying the foundations for the Breakfast Program when the racist, fascist pig cops in New Haven, after murdering another revolutionary brother, Alex Rackely, placed this trumped-up charge on them.

The racist, fascist pigs in two states (Conneticut and Colorado) are trying to murder Landon and Rory. Capitalistic, racist, fascist punk-pigs throughout the country are trying to murder, jail and exile true servants of the people.

On August 6, we are having a Free Political Prisoners rally at the City and County Building. A rally for Landon, Rory, for all political prisoners kidnapped by the fascist pigs for meeting the needs, wants and desires of the people.

We'd like to say that you can jail, murder and exile revolutionaries but you can't jail revolution, the revolution shall continue. We are going to exhaust all legal means first, then, any means necessary to set Landon and Rory FREE. Any means necessary to free all political prisoners so they can continue to work and serve the people.

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
FREE LANDON AND RORY
DENVER CHAPTER BLACK PANTHER PARTY



Bootlicking Pig Ron Karenga

KARENGA'S STOOGES IN COURT

The pigs of the Los Angeles Injustice Department are oinking that they are going to burn three of their own agents. George and Larry Steiner along with Donald Hawkins are in court to start trial for murdering Alprentice "Bunchy" Carter and John Huggins on January 17, 1969 at the UCLA Campus. These backshooting punks are bootlickers for CIA, bootlicking, pig Ron Karenga. The Court is according these scurvey punks the best of protection. They have seven deputy sheriffs to look after them. As the Court goes through its vacillatory rhetoric it can clearly be seen that the Court along with the help of the news media is going to turn the murder case into a case of self-defense. But no matter what they do, the Black Panther Party knows what's happening.

The Black Panther Party knows for a fact that former Chief Pig Tom Reddin of Los Angeles was well aware that the US organization walked around armed. Panthers are attacked simply for looking like Panthers. This draws a clear line of distinction between the pigs and the Panthers. Another factor that clearly shows Karenga to be a pig is the fact that he pays rent for three apartments totaling six thousand dollars per year. For two apartments in another building he is paying three thousand dollars per year. For two offices he is paying approximately eight thousand, four hundred dollars per year.

This second rate murder inc. is not only used in L.A., but all over the U.S.A. In San Diego they murdered another member of the Black Panther Party, John Savage. In New York they are used as provocateurs to intimidate Panther members. Since the Black Panther Party educated the masses of the people about these Pork Chops, Ron Karenga has been hiding out. That baldheaded, dope shooting, homosexual's ass belongs to the people! "When they raised their hands against Bunchy and John, they raised their hands against the best that humanity possessed."

VALLEJO LIBERATION SCHOOL

Another Liberation School has been started. The Vallejo Chapter of the Black Panther Party opened their doors Friday, August 1, to educate the youth. The number of children was almost doubled on Monday.

During these two days the class struggle was discussed, the three enemies of the People, (pigs, avaricious businessmen, and demagogic politicians) the Panther Party's leaders and how the Party originated.

Black children, who are poor learn quickly that they are being oppressed. They feel tensions when they hear older people talk about how they were treated on their job, or at a department store etc. They know that something is wrong but they can't clearly see who is to blame. So all of a sudden they run across some black capitalist who are hollering black this and black that, who are doing nothing but exploiting black people just like some of the white people are doing. The children get all this mess in their heads, and this is what an instructor has to deal with when teaching in a Liberation School.

All children must understand that a pig is a pig, a greedy businessman is still a greedy businessman, and a lying politician is still a lying politician no matter what color his skin is. We know that we have to make this quite clear to the children. Also it is very important for the children to see that we are not fighting a race war but are in fact, fighting in a class struggle. The poor against the rich, and to break this down a little more to them, most of the People of "all" races are oppressed, and only a few people are able to enjoy the pleasures while most of us suffer.

We don't hate the oppressor because he might be white, but by acts that he commits against us.

The children relate to the Black Panther Party and accept our guidance because they know we are for them. We put our faith in them. We don't treat the children as little babies, and pet them. We relate to them as comrades who need to be politically educated to be able to combat our enemies.

ALL POWER TO THE YOUTH
Val Douglas



SAN JOSE LIBERATION SCHOOL

The Liberation School of the San Jose Branch, Black Panther Party, has been the victim of constant harassment by the fascist pigs, demagogic politicians, the Alum Rock School Board, and the avaricious businessmen of the area who are sucking the life-blood of the community. The Liberation School has been moved to three locations since its opening here in San Jose. Each time we have moved the school, the police patrols in that area have increased, for the oppressor must try to terrorize by visible signs of strength when his psyche game begins to fail. We opened the school at Saint Mark's Community Center on June 23, and the number of children tripled within three days, and within one week the number of children increased to the point that the center was too small. We had to leave this location after two weeks because it belonged to Head Start and their program for the summer started.

The second location was Arbuckle Elementary School, where an agreement was made with a pig on the school board named Lewis. This agreement which turned out to be definitely funky was that the Party could use the facilities of the school if and "when" the school was cleaned everyday and the floor mopped, and (2) we had to hire a "cook" for $40 a week--the cook hired was a brother who was working with the Party. This hiring of a cook was a legalizing move since he was licensed and could be considered a city employee: he had to be in the kitchen at all times even when he wasn't cooking. The $40 was to be paid to Lewis, taxes were to be taken out and the rest of the money was to be returned to the Party. After about three weeks at the school we got vamped on one morning during the Breakfast--Lewis came in and asked why we had poster of Huey, Eldridge and Bobby up. We had been told to take down the posters, and we had not so he told us we would have to leave at once, but when we said that we were going to feed the children first, he told us that we could use the school that day and that we could come to the school board meeting that night to deal with the matter. We took this information to the people of the community, and that night the people came out to protect the Liberation School. The Peoples' will could not be over looked or underrated and the pigs had to give us back the use of the school. We lost a number of children from the school because of a report of the incident printed in the Sun (San Jose paper) on the front page saying that the school was closed with a back page story, that the school was still functioning. We continued to use the school until July 18 when we were told that until we could pay $80 for the past two weeks we could not use the school again. It was at this time that we moved to Our Lady Of Guadalupe Church. We are working at the church now and the number of children is beginning to increase again.

The branch in San Jose is going forth to serve and correctly educate the People, and if the Mayor and the Chief of Police don't like it they can go to hell or wait to be sent there. We promised the community that the children would be fed two meals a day, and this will be done by any means necessary. The youth are the active and vital force in society, we understand that they are the most eager to learn and that they will make the revolution. We understand fully the importance of the Liberation School for the future because as the Minister of Information has said, information is the raw material for new ideas, so if the children get misinformation they'll get some brand new funny ideas.

For further information or donations of food, money, school supplies, or time, contact the San Jose Branch Office at 259-6929 in San Jose.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
PANTHER POWER TO THE VANGUARD

San Jose Branch,
Black Panther Party
Gregg Wheadon
Judy Graham

The Youth Make The Revolution

Our young revolutionary comrades at Liberation School show great vitality and perception in relating to the revolution in Babylon. They are going to keep it going until we sweep all avaricious businessmen, demagogic politicians and fascist pig police into their graves. Right on!

The children put their revolutionary theory into practice by setting examples for many people, young and old in their oppressed communities. They express their class consciousness by relating to the workers as our friends and they know that those who own the means of production, the monopoly capitalists, are our main enemies. The children have learned this through experience in dealing with the big fat greedy businessman who refused to donate nare an egg to the Liberation School.

They also understand that the police are not here to protect us or our property because we don't own any property. They're here to protect this imperialist, fascist state and to make sure that the people suffer.

The pigs are making attempts to stop the people's Liberation Schools. The people want an end to this harassment. The people's vanguard party is going to continue to set revolutionary examples so the people can deal with this oppression.

The Liberation Schools are being dealt with now by the people who are not going to let them be stopped by any Mafioso Alioto or other racist inhuman dogs like Ronald Reagan. The children know that the people will support whatever fits their basic needs and the demagogic lying politicians are oinking at the people, confusing their minds, spending billions of dollars abstracting on some moon trip while the people are down here starving.

The youth are subversive to the fascism going on in this country today!

People, your party calls for your help and support so the Liberation Schools can be spread all across this nation teaching all our youth who need a revolutionary education. RIGHT ON!

ALL POWER TO THE YOUTH!
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!
PANTHER POWER!
FREE HUEY!
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Jimbo Teaches Liberation School In Vallejo

LIBERATION MEANS FREEDOM

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED IN CHICAGO FROM AN INTERVIEW WITH BOBBY RUSH



Fascist Pigs Do Anything to Stop Panther Paper

Last Wednesday at about 3:15 p.m., brothers (members of the Chicago Branch of the Black Panther Party) were in the parking lot across the street from the office studying their Red Books when the pigs vamped on them. The pigs pulled up (5 carloads) and told the brothers to get out of the car. They searched the car three or four times. They found a cigarette folding paper and accused the brothers of smoking reefers. The brothers were arrested on these trumped up charges. Panthers then formed a marching line around the block singing and protesting the brothers' arrest. Naturally the pigs became very aroused and hostile.

Later on that night, the brothers who were on security noticed that the pigs had circled around the office three or four times. On the fourth time around, the pigs started shooting at random. Following the Executive Mandate No. 3, the Panthers on security returned fire.

The brothers wounded five pigs. The people who saw the shootout said they saw five pigs on the ground injured, but more were injured than that. When the Panthers ran out of ammunition, the pigs broke into the office and beat them up, wounding one in the head and breaking another's wrists. These three brothers (Pete Haymon, Alvin Jeffries and Larry White) were arrested for attempted murder.

The people who witnessed the scene started to throw bottles and hurl rocks at the pigs. The people took a very defensive, antagonistic stand against the pigs! The pigs set fire to the upper half of the office and the Chicago Black Panther Party has the gasoline can they used to set the fire.

Bail for the brothers was set at $20,000 a piece. The Chicago Branch must deliver $2,000 for bail bond. They have most of the money but they could use support.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS THE ATTACK ON CHICAGO PANTHERS

As members of the Black Panther Party intensify their struggle to meet the needs, wants and desires of the people; as they intensify in their struggle to create revolutionary political power for the masses of oppressed people, the reactionary capitalist punks have intensified their vain effort to destroy the people's vanguard party.

Early Wednesday morning Brother Larry Roberson was out in the community selling Panther Papers and getting donations for the Breakfast for Children Program. As he was doing his job he was approached by Grady "Slim" Moore who at this time is under investigation. As Brother Larry started talking to Slim, two pigs arrived and started asking the people about a robbery that did not take place. The pigs then noticed Brother Larry and asked why he was in the community. What happened after is very unclear but one thing is for sure, the pigs opened up fire on Brother Larry and wounded him three times.

Brother Larry, though wounded, carried out Executive Mandate Number One.

Larry has proven to the people and to us which side he stands for. The side of the people and against racism, capitalism, imperialism, fascism and all other mutations of this pig run power structure. He has shown us that he is not only a revolutionary in speech but a revolutionary in the fullest sense, a revolutionary in deeds.

While Brother Larry lays surrounded by murdering fascist pigs in Cook Butcher Shop County Hospital with two counts of attempted murder facing him; while Grady sits in Cook Concentration Camp Jail with one count of attempted murder facing him, we'd like to say, we understand that as a revolutionary you have put your lives on the line for the people.

We know that like Huey, Fred and all other political prisoners, "you can jail a revolutionary but you can't jail a revolution." Like Eldridge, Nate and all other exiled revolutionaries, "You can run a freedom fighter around the country but you can't run freedom fighting." Like Li'l Bobby, Bunchy, John and all other murdered revolutionaries, "You can kill a liberator but you can't kill liberation."

"Because if you do, you come up with answers that don't answer; solutions that don't solve; questions that don't question; explanations that don't explain; endings that don't even end."

Regardless of whether or not the fascist pigs cease their wanton murder and brutality of the people or the people's vanguard, the Black Panther Party will continue to set examples along the lines of observation and participation for the people. The Black Panther Party will continue to show the fascist pigs that unless they cease their wanton murder and brutality of the people they will have to face the wrath of the armed people and the people's army.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!
FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!
OFF THE PIG
Cheryl Peterson
Ill. Chapter, Black Panther Party



Door to Chicago Office Shot Up By Mayor Daley's Pigs



Panther Charles Bursey Watches Traffic for Children Going to Breakfast

FASCIST PIGS IN HUNTERS POINT

Friday 8/2/69

There was a phone call that came in the Black Panther Party office around 9:41 a.m. On the other end of the phone a brother said that there was a lot of pigs in Hunters Point with guns. Then minutes later a sister called the office and said just about the same thing. So van and myself drove out to the Point to investigate. When we got there, the fascist pigs were all over the area in the 1000 block on Oakdale and the 1000 block on Palou. There was about 68 Fascist pigs in the area. They came in black and white cars, plain colored cars, motorcycles, pig station wagons, vans, and flying over head in a helicopter. The Fascist pigs were armed with .38 revolvers, 44 magnums, 12 gauge shotguns, AR-15's, M-16's, one M-79 rocket launcher, and one Thompson submachine gun. All this to apprehend four brothers who allegedly robbed a liquor store.

The brothers left the liquor store speeding, the pigs gave chase, this was about 9:55 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. About five minutes later the car with the brothers in it crashed with a truck at the intersection of the 1000 block on Oakdale. The pigs came around the corner and came to a stop. One of the brothers fell out of the car in a revolutionary fashion, with his shotgun in his hand. He got off two shots, one wounded the pig in the arm, the other shot out the back window.

Two of the four brothers were caught and the other two moved in the fashion of a guerrilla. So the Fascist pig called for more pigs, and the Tac pigs came. The brothers were said to have taken some money from an avaricious exploiter. Then all of the Fascist pigs grouped up and started to terrorize the community by kicking in doors and running the people out of their homes by making a house-to-house search.

The leader of the Fascist storm troopers was a murderous S.S. by the name of Peterson, armed with a Thompson submachine gun, he was ready to shoot the first thing that moved. They really ran amuck. The oppressor has no rights, which the oppressed are bound to respect.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
Fred Bennett

BURSEY FACES FASCIST COURT

Trial? or tribunal of Fascism? I see brother Charles Bursey with defense counselor attorney Charles Garry each day in court; however, what's really going down is Fascism. It's more like attending a funeral where justice is dead and Fascism is alive and well. Our own brother Bobby Hutton was murdered by more than three hundred fascist guns a year ago, April 6, 1968. The rest of our brothers barely missed being murdered too.

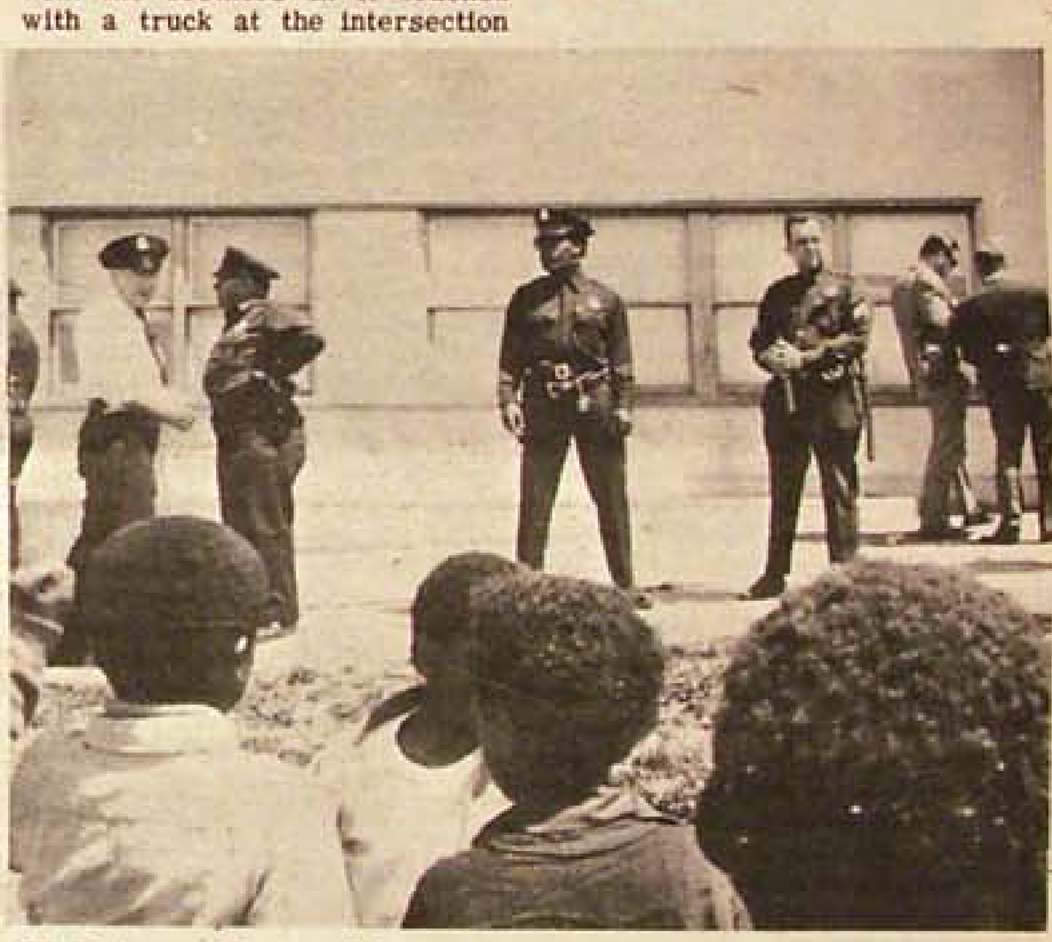
Brother Bursey like the other souls; was ambushed by the fascist pigs, yet today, one year after Lil Brother Bobby's murder; these fascist pigs are still trying to shut out the lives of our brother.

I observed the method of jury of one's peers selection; what a fraud on the people after that fascist pig Asst. D.A. Vukota excluded all the black people and all the young black and white people on the jury. An all white jury, twelve people most of whom seem physicallydead and are being propped up with sticks. The contradiction is; this young brother Bursey is in his early twenties, while the jury is middle age or decrepitably old. One black woman was kept as the second alternate. This is called judicial genocide of young people, especially young black people. The fascist D.A. stoops to the low level of fixating his game on the already dead minds of the old decrepit jurors. Noticeable also is the fact that every pig and pig associate has cited a one line phrase and has carried it throughout their lying testimony, (for everyone who saw the movie "Z" which depicts a true incident of Greece.) (I call your attention to the part where each pig agent recited identical word phrases, which lead to their conviction.) The identical word phrases recited by pig after pig who have testified in Bursey's trial are all quoting that they carried lists of 20 or more known Panther cars. "In relationship to the Sacramento incident", dig it! There's a pig assistant deputy D. A. who sits up against the rail and taps out signals to each pig who occupies the witness chair - he uses his hand, fingers and eyeglasses; scratches himself and gives foot tapping signals. He is assisted by a jerkey little pig clerk who jerks his head to and forth; pulls his ears and nose and signals with his eyes also. The bailiff also gets in on the act and makes these signals too.

The pig prosecutor D.A. resorts to illeagal foul trick phrases. I hear and see the fascist judge making allowances for the asst. D.A., but denies most of Attorney Garry's objections. For anyone to hope for justice here or anywhere in America today is to live in a world of fantasy. Fascism is here and justice in America died a long time ago. But in the end, the power of the people will be greater than the pigs technology.

August 5, 1969, Garry will be moving for a mistrial. The judge said that Wednesday the D.A. and Garry will give their closing remarks along with the testimony of a fascist pig, Hoffman. Thursday the jury is scheduled to go into deliberation.

Power to the People!
Sister Marie Johnson



Children Forced from Home in Hunter's Point

FATHER NEIL FROM PG. 16

that was going on, in my church, broke in with shotguns and drawn pistols, it could have been a blood bath that night. They had no respect - they had no respect for the sanctity and sanctuary of that church building. When I was visiting Huey - when he was incarcerated in the county jail, when a clergyman visits an inmate it's the same thing as when a lawyer visits an inmate, it's a confidential interview session, twice the pigs broke in on Huey and me without knocking, without anything, broke into this private and confidential session and told me to leave that I had talked long enough. When I went down to visit Huey, the first time in San Luis Obispo, they refused to let me see him, because they said I had to be on Huey's visitors list. There isn't any other clergyman that has to get on an inmates visiting list to visit down at San Luis Obispo or any of these other institutions. But now in order to visit Huey, I have to use up a slot on his visitors list. See they have no respect for the church, they have no respect for a collar, the only thing this fascist, pig system has respect for is for another fascist pig.

But as I said I will end here and I'm not trying to put across any particular religious belief, I don't care if you're Roman Catholic, as long as you're a revolutionary Roman Catholic, I don't care if you're a Baptist, as long as you're a revolutionary Baptist, I don't care if you're a Methodist or an Episcopalian as long as you're a revolutionary Methodist and Episcopalian. I don't care if you're a Muslim or a Hindu, as long as you're a revolutionary Muslim or a Hindu. And I don't care if you're a Jew, I don't care if you're a Jew, if you can live up to Moses then I'll talk to you. Right on. ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

SECOND RIOT ERUPTS AT FT. RILEY, KANSAS

New York, July 26, 1969. The following was received today at American Servicemen's Union headquarters in New York from Ft. Riley:

"The second riot in a month erupted at the Ft. Riley stockade Monday night, July 21. On Monday there was a work call despite its being a national holiday. Two barracks refused to go out on a work order; Col. Randall from the Provost Marshal's office ordered prisoners to go out but all refused.

"All that day there were rumors that there was going to be a big party that night. Hooting and hollering began at lights out. GI's emptied out of the barracks, setting fire to Dempsey Dumpsters (trash bins) and attempting to set fire to one of the guard towers. When the fire truck arrived it first put out the fires and then turned hoses on the men.

"Prisoners broke into the mess hall, overturned freezers, tables, and chairs, and helped themselves to food. Eggs and rocks were thrown. When one major tried to cool it, telling the men "I fought for you in WW II," he was pelted with eggs. Fences between the barracks and the compound were broken down; prisoners in all blocks attempted to escape. Guards locked themselves up in Area 9.

"About 200 prisoners took part in the action, which lasted three hours. The stockade was calm by Wednesday."

ASU Executive Director Bob Lemay commented: "The strike action by the two barracks and the ensuing rebellion point to the growing potential for union action for GI's. Men in confinement have taken the lead--the others will soon follow."

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LETTER FROM KANSAS CITY, MO.

Dear Editor,

I write in behalf of the Kansas City, Missouri Chapter of the Black Panther Party and in protest of the sentencing today of Pete and Gary O'Neil.

The pig sentenced you today because he feels if they can jail, put into exile, or even kill all of our leaders, we won't have national leadership to hold the revolutionaries together.

The following statement was taken from the issue of Time Magazine dated 6/27/69.

"Black groups including such ostensibly disciplined outfits as the Panthers are too fragmented to achieve nationwide coordination even if they wanted too."

But the oppressor realizes the Panthers are strong and willing to die for their people and their rights.

So what does the pig do? They attack H.Q. ostensibly to look for weapons and to harass members, their friends and families.

Recently, they have attacked H.Q.'s in Denver, Salt Lake City, Sacramento, and last night they attacked the Chicago Headquarters.

The pig labels this, as gang warfare and changes the stories around in order to make the Panthers look like they are violent and attacking the pigs.

When it is the pig who starts all the crap in the first place.

The pig even tries to get black groups to feud among themselves.

It is time the pig realizes we black people are tired of them attacking our women and our youth.

And when we say "OFF THE PIG", that is just what we intend to do if he illegally breaks down our doors or trespasses on our property.

So I say "ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE". And I am glad the day has come when there are men like Pete and Gary O'Neil, and all the Panthers in our community, who are working hard to serve our black community.

A Future Sister

#4. WE WANT DECENT HOUSING FIT FOR SHELTER OF HUMAN BEINGS.

My Dear People,

I want to tell you that Anderson & Drucher real estate 407 So. B Street, San Mateo, Calif. Does not want to rent or to sell to black people. They have told other real estates also.

That is not fair the black people have as much right to live in any part of the country that they fought for, as well as the white people. So you people should take action with them, and have them evicted from the community.

I hope, and we all hope that do. We are all with you.

Mr. & Mrs. Jensen
Mr. & Mrs. Robertson
Thank You, take action with Anderson & Drucher

Free The Denver Panthers

free the denver anthers

The city of Denver and the state of Colorado are working in conjunction with the city of New Haven and the state of Connecticut to imprison two brothers, Landon Williams and Rory Hithe, on a trumped-up charge of conspiracy to commit murder. This murder of another revolutionary brother, Alex Rackley, was in fact, committed by the New Haven Pig Department.

The demagogic -- (lying) and misleading politicians and the racist hanging judges (Don D. Bowman, Robert T. Kingsley) are trying to make the people believe



LANDON R. WILLIAMS

that the brothers are criminals. But we, the people, cannot be deceived and cannot be misled, for we know that Landon and Rory are working in the interests of the people; and that the real criminals are those fascist pigs who conspire to murder these brothers in cold blood.

This is part and parcel of the vicious oppression that the fascist U.S. pig government and its lackeys, working throughout all Babylon (United States) to destroy the leadership of the Black Panther Party, the vanguard of Black people in particular and all oppressed people in general.

The revolutionary masses and workers have come forth in defense of our dedicated brothers all across the country, in New York, Connecticut, California and elsewhere. For in these communities, twenty-one brothers and sisters in New York, eight sisters and brothers in Connecticut and the Minister of Defense for the Black Panther Party, Huey P. Newton, in California, have been denied their basic human rights for their selfless devotion in wholeheartedly serving the people. The people in Denver must also come to recognize, unite and combat the fascist terrorism that the U.S. pig government and all its running dogs are perpetrating against Black people and all other oppressed people.



RORY B. HITHE

All of us who believe in the dignity of those courageous brothers who expose and fight the "real criminals", the fascist decadent power structure, MUST come together on AUGUST 6, 1969 for a MASS RALLY AT THE CITY AND THE COUNTY BUILDING. 1437 BANNOC ST. DENVER, COLO. AT 9:00A.M.

This 400 year reign of fascist terrorism, lies and murder against Black people must cease immediately. We cannot and will not allow the state of Colorado nor the state of Connecticut to murder Landon and Rory. So that is why we are intensifying the struggle; we're saying FREE RORY AND LANDON NOW; FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!

We remember and remember well the words of our Minister of Information, Eldridge Cleaver: IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL THE QUESTION OF THE SOCIETY'S DEBT TO THE PRISONER IS INJECTED FORCEFULLY INTO NATIONAL AND STATE POLITICS, INTO THE CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS STRUGGLE, AND INTO THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE BODY POLITIC. IT IS AN EXPLOSIVE ISSUE WHICH GOES TO THE VERY ROOT OF AMERICA'S SYSTEM OF JUSTICE, THE STRUCTURE OF CRIMINAL LAW, THE PREVAILING BELIEFS AND ATTITUDES TOWARD A CONVICTED FELON." SO LET THIS BE DONE

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!
PANTHER POWER TO THE VANGUARD!
FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!

DENVER PANTHERS' STATEMENT TO THE PRESS

FREE THE PANTHERS
Press Statement July 31, 1969

First of all I want to say to you the biased lackey mass news media that whatever I say to you, here today I want printed exactly as said. We know from past experiences that the mass news media has a very bad habit of twisting around Black Panther Party statements.

I have a revolutionary husband, Landon Williams and a revolu[illegible]ary comrade-at-arms. Rory [illegible]e, being held here in Denver [illegible]ounty Jail as political prisoners. They're political prisoners because they tried to serve the needs of the people by implementing a free Breakfast Program For Children.

The City of Denver and the State of Colorado are working in conjunction with the City of New Haven and the State of Connecticut to imprison two revolutionary brothers, Landon Williams and Rory Hithe, on a trumped-up charge of conspiracy to commit murder. This murder of another revolutionary brother, Alex Rackley, was in fact, committed by the New Haven Pig Department.

The demagogic----(lying) and misleading politicians and the racist hanging judges (Don D. Bowman, Robert T. Kingsley) are trying to make the people believe that the Brothers are criminals. But we, the people, cannot be deceived and cannot be mislead, for working in the interests of the people; and that the real criminals are those fascist pigs who conspire to murder these brothers in cold blood.

This is part and parcel of the vicious oppression that the fascist U. S. Pig government and its lackeys, working throughout all Babylon (United States) to destroy the leadership of the Black Panther Party, The Vanguard of Black people in particular and all oppressed people in general.

The revolutionary masses and workers have come forth in defence of our dedicated brothers all across the country, in New York, Connecticut, California and elsewhere. For in these communities, twenty-one brothers and sisters in New York, eight sisters and brothers in Connecticut and the Minister of Defense for the Black Panther Party, Huey P. Newton, in California, have been denied their basic human rights for their selfless devotion in whole heartedly serving the people. The U. S. pig government and all its running dogs are perpetrating against Black people and all other oppressed people.

All of us who believe in the dignity of those courageous brother who expose and fight the "real criminals", the fascist decadent power structure, MUST come together on:
AUGUST 6, 1969
FOR A MASS RALLY AT THE CITY AND COUNTY BUILDING
1437 BANNOCK STREET DENVER, COLORADO at 9:00 A.M.

This 400 year reign of fascist terrorism, lies, and murder against Black people must cease immediately. We cannot and will not allow the State of Colorado or the State of Connecticut to murder Landon and Rory. So that is why we are intensifying the struggle; we're saying FREE RORY AND LANDON NOW! FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!

We remember and remember well the words of our Minister of Information, Eldridge Cleaver; "IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL THE QUESTION OF THE SOCIETY'S DEBT TO THE FULLY INTO NATIONAL AND FULLY INTO NATIONAL AND STATE POLITICS, INTO THE CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS STRUGGLE, AND INTO THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE BODY OF POLITICS. IT IS AN EXPLOSIVE ISSUE WHICH GOES TO THE VERY ROOT OF AMERICA'S SYSTEM OF JUSTICE, THE STRUCTURE OF CRIMINAL LAW, THE PREVAILING BELIEFS AND ATTITUDES TOWARD A CONVICTED FELONG."
so let this be done.

Even thoug they have been confined, this will not stop the programs from being implemented.

As of August 4, 1969, the Breakfast Program and Liberation School will go into effect with the consent of the Board of Directors of the High Street United Methodist Church at 3401 High Street.

Two more facts of importance than has to be made clear to the public to clear up any mistaken ideas that the people may have:

L. James Albert Young, also known as "Squirt" was expelled from the Black Panther Party, July 25, 1969 for crimes committed against the people. He has threatened the lives of various party members and has attempted to carry out those threats.

2. Also Norman Bernstein is not, was not and never will be an advisor to the Black Panther Party. He does not work with the Black Panther Party in any way.

FREE LANDON AND RORY.
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
PANTHER POWER TO THE VANGUARD
FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS

Chicago Panthers Shot by Fascist Pigs

Once again these murdering pigs have tampered with the people's power and physically challenged the people's vanguard. In the past the Illinois Chapter of the Black Panther Party has been constantly under attack by the F.B.I., C.I.A., and local pig dept. But the spirit of the people is constantly rising as those blind fools continue to contradict themselves. Many members in this chapter have been constantly harassed and framed. Many have already been indicted in these frame ups. But in their constant attempt to destroy the Black Panther Party, they know they have failed because the people in the community stood up and armed themselves and showed the pigs who really had the power.

On July 17, 1969, two brothers in the Illinois Chapter of the Black Panther Party were returning to their community after finishing a day of revolutionary work for the people's Party. On this particular night they noticed the pigs had nine brothers on the wall next to a store front, harassing them. Five of the brothers were in ages ranging from 50-62 years old. The pigs claimed they were answering a burglary in process call. Can you imagine men 50-62 years old burglarizing a store in their own community?

Well, after investigating the matter and coming to the conclusion that this was just another racist act of harassment committed by the pigs on the people, Larry Roberson and Grady Moore walked over to the scene where the majority of the people had gone and asked an officer what was going on. The pig then demagogically replied: "This is none of your damn business." Br. Larry then stated: "I am a member of this community and even by your laws, I have the right to know what's going on." The crazy pig then said, "Smart bastard, you're under arrest for disorderly conduct. The people of the community immediately got between Larry and the pigs and the pig drew his gun and ordered them aside while his pig partner radioed for help. Larry then (with the instructions from the people) was told to go home because the people hadn't seen him do anything, so he and Grady started away and the pig deliberately shot Larry in the leg. Grady grabbed Larry to help him to try to escape with his life. This whole area was sealed off with crazy, drunk, inhuman pigs. Larry was then cornered in an alley, unarmed and wounded. As the pig approached him, he oinked, "I'll teach you and your partner how to interfere with pig matters." He then aimed at Larry's head. It was true that Larry was unarmed, but being a Panther and a stone revolutionary, he had educated the true power -- the people. As the pig was ready to squeeze the trigger, the power of the people was demonstrated. A voice quoted Huey: "You racist pigs must withdraw immediately from the black community and cease this wanton murder and brutality of black people or face the wrath of the armed people." Then, the shots from the people rang out from everywhere for about 30 seconds; then it ceased. One pig shot in the head and one pig shot in the shoulder. Larry and Grady then started to make it when more pigs arrived. Larry and Grady turned and raised their hands. The pig that was shot in the shoulder raised his gun and shot Brother Larry in the stomach, thigh, and leg, trying to kill him. Grady evidently escaped death when the people in the community came out to witness the action. Larry is in critical condition in Cook County Hospital. He and Grady are being held without bond charged with attempted murder. It was later discovered that the pig that shot Larry had recognized Larry as being a member of the People's Army. This is why he said he was arresting Larry. The Black Panther Party loves Larry Roberson as well as we love all our comrades. Larry Roberson is proven to be a true revolutionary not by words but by deeds. He has shown his love for the people. He put his life on the line and in return the people released some revolutionary power. Grady Moore is also incarcerated; the Black Panther Party is investigating his actions. Larry Roberson as well as all political prisoners must be set free, if not by these fascist courts, then by the people. Larry Roberson truly loved the the people and truly believed in the proletarian revolution. The pigs continue to harass and attack the Black Panther Party.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
O'Neal -- Information Cadre

Letter to Eldridge

To all my brothers in the Party, especially Brother Eldridge in exile:

I have just completed the compilation of essays called "Eldridge Cleaver" and, having also read "Soul On Ice" quite a while ago, I feel compelled to present the tremendously strong feelings that I am experiencing as a consequence of these great books.

As the dynamic and creative writing of Brother Eldridge is fresh in my mind, I find myself understanding the true nature of the Black Revolution, of World Revolution, of the Black Panther Party. I know that, after reading affidavit #2: Shoot-out in Oakland, I could never abandon the Revolutionary struggle.

Even beyond all of that, I have begun to feel the beauty of a great man. And, in turn, I have begun to feel the beauty of many of the Black Panthers and other American revolutionaries, Black, White, Brown, Yellow, and Red. I now feel the revolutionary fever not only in relation to myself but also to the broad masses of all people everywhere exemplified by Huey, Eldridge, Bunchy, John, Robert F. Williams, Malcolm and all those who have been imprisoned, killed, and exiled by the Man.

I say, with Eldridge, "And if you kill me, well I'll just lay me down to rest, you dig it, and all power to the people." Because as Malcolm said, it'll be even-steven.

Black Power to Black People!
White Power to White People!
Panther Power to the Vanguard!

Jama, Chairman of War
(White Americans for Revolution)

WILLIAM KUNSTLER DEFENDS BOBBY LEE WILLIAMS

Plainfield, N.J. -- Bobby Lee Williams goes on trial in Union County's Superior Court in Elizabeth on September 15 for three separate counts, including assault on Patrolman John V. Gleason, Jr., during the ghetto disturbances of July, 1967. Williams faces 26 years in jail, if convicted. The trial date was announced at a meeting held last night by the Plainfield Joint Defense Committee at its headquarters, 218 Watchung Ave., Plainfield.

It was the shooting of Williams, a 24-year old black Plainfielder, by Officer Gleason that precipitated the fatal beating of the patrolman by scores of black people. Williams, maimed by the shooting, was already in the hospital when Gleason was assaulted.

William Kunstler, nationally prominent civil rights attorney and subject of a recent Life magazine story because he numbers scores of blacks among his clients, is defending Williams without fee.

The Joint Defense Committee came into existence in connection with the mass trial of 11 black people charged with first degree murder in the death of Officer Gleason during the Plainfield disturbances in July, 1967. It was formed by relatives of Gail Madden, George Merritt, Jr., and Bobby Lee Williams, as well as by black and white community leaders, because they are convinced that the three are innocent as charged. Its officers are: David Frost, 1229 E. 7 St., and Freeman Whetstone, 411 John St., both of Plainfield, co-chairmen; Paul Polskin, 82 Myrtle Ave. N. Plainfield, treasurer; Mrs. Emma Williams, 540 W. 2 St., Plainfield, executive secretary and Mrs. Lydia Buttita, 288c So. 10 Ave., Highland Park, recording secretary.

The committee also helped to obtain the services of Frank Donner, eminent labor and civil liberties attorney, to handle the appeal for the life sentences imposed on Miss Madden and Merritt.

At the meeting, Frost reported that: 150,000 of the committee's brochures, entitled "Speak Out for the Release of Plainfield's Black Hostages", have been distributed nationally and another 100,000 are being printed, as a result of numerous requests via letters and petitions, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has asked the U.S. Justice Department to "investigate the government of Plainfield and the Union County Prosecutor's office". Another petition is being directed to New Jersey's Gov. Hughes asking him to free Gail Madden and George Merritt, Jr., and to quash the indictment against Williams; letters of support are coming in from around the state and nation.

Commenting on the Sept. 15 trial date for Williams, Whetstone said "Now that the State seems determined to persecute Bobby Lee Williams, we will have to step up our work."

The co-chairmen announced that the meeting had approved the sending of delegations to the Union County Prosecutor and to Gov. Hughes. They also said, "We call upon the Attorney General of the U.S to conduct his investigation now, before another miscarriage of justice takes place in the Williams case." They announced that William Kunstler will speak at a public meeting in Plainfield before the trial.

Unions, Civic organizations, churches, and civil rights groups are supporting the committee's efforts by holding meetings and making their own appeals by mail.



Attorney Bill Kunstler

Message To Revolutionary Women

Black Women, Black Women,
Hold your head up, and look ahead
We too are needed in the revolution.
We too are strong, We too are a threat to the oppressive enemy.
We are revolutionaries, We are the other half of our revolutionary men.
We are their equal halves, may it be with gun in hand, or battling in streets to make this country a socialist lead.

Sisters, let's educate our people
Combat liberalism, and combat male chauvanism, Awaken our men to the fact that we are no more nor no less than they.
We are as revolutionary as they.
For too long, we have been alone
For far too long we have been women without men, for far too long we have been double oppressed, not only by the capitalist society, but also by our men.

Now we are no longer alone, our men are by our sides.
We revolutionary men and women are the halves of each other.

We must continue to educate our men, and bring their minds from a male chauvanistic level to a higher level.
Our men need, want and will love the beautiful children, that come from our fruitful wombs.

They need our trust and encouragement as well as we need theirs.
They need us to educate, them, the people and our children as well as we need them to educate us.
Sisters, we are being called by life itself.
We are being called by the revolution.
We are mothers of revolutionaries, with us is the future of our people.

We my sisters, are **mothers of** revolution and within our wombs is the army of the people.

Sisters! Revolution Is Here! Bring Forth The Army! Bring Forth The Guns!

We my sisters are revolutionary women of revolutionary men!
We are mothers of revolution!

Comrade Candi Robinson

YOUNG BROTHER KIDNAPPED OFF STREETS OF SAN FRANCISCO

Point No. 6 of the Black Panther Party's Ten Point Program and Platform:

We want all black men to be exempt from military service.

We believe that black people should not be forced to fight in the military service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not fight and kill other people of color in the world who like black people are being victimized by the white racist government of America. We will protect ourselves from the force and violence of the racist police and the racist military, by what ever means necessary.

For this reason Bro. Harold Homes, was arrested by the fascist pigs the other day while serving his people. He is in an army, the Peoples Army. It is totally inhuman to be forced or locked up for not wanting to fight in the mercenary armed forces of this decadent American Society, in which the Brother is fighting so hard every day to expose to his people. Five years of this brother's life will be spent in the fascist pigs pen, because he doesn't want to be a paid killer, an accessory to imperialism, capitalism and fascism.

To fight for this racist country that does not allow him or any of the oppressed people of this world to exercise their democratic right. He is a very dedicated and strong brother in the People's Army, he is always working hard to liberate and educate the oppressed people.

He is tired of seeing his people mis-educated, incarcerated, victimized and killed by the fascist pig police and mercenary arm forces and for this he is jailed. No he's not free, and now he is caged in like an animal. But they only have a body, for the Brother's spirit is out here with his comrades, and the people.

Oppressed people of the world, UNITE. Help stop these fascist pigs and fascist mercenary arm forces from kidnapping our people. We cannot allow it to continue. Now is the time, War has been declared right here in Babaylon. Right On! Brother Harold, the People love you and miss you. Right on.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
PANTHER POWER TO THE VANGUARD
FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS

Sister Marie



Panther Harold Homes Jailed for No Draft Card

FASCIST PIGS RUN RAMPANT IN THE COMMUNITY

The racist pig department of Kansas City, Missouri, are running wild in the Black community and must be stopped from escalating their acts of dangerous fascism, murder and brutality.

Within one (1) week they have viciously attacked one Black brother, and assassinated another, who was unarmed and not resisting arrest. This brother was killed in cold blood, murdered without any provocation, although the pigs claimed he was trying to attack them, and during the ensuing struggle, our black brother was sadistically murdered.

The tragedy, concerning the murdered brother, happened on the night of June 25th. The time was approximately 11:15 p.m. The two pigs said they had stopped the car, in which Percy Cothorn, the slain brother was riding for a traffic violation. They claimed the driver, Curtis Redic, 22, and the victim began fighting with one of the pigs. The pig made a statement to the fact, that the slain brother was trying to grab his gun, still in its holster, and tried to turn the weapon against the pigs stomach.

The pig oinked for help and told the other pig to "Shoot!" "Shoot!" When the pigs made this statement to the effect, that the brother was trying to get his gun, he was lying and looking the camera in the eye and lying, because he would look his momma in the face and lie.

All this was reiterated by the brothers who were with the slain brother and were a part of this melodrama.

Because of this atrocious act, the community is enraged to the point of retaliation, and feel that if the pig police heads do not take drastic action against the racist dog pig who committed this act of aggression, the power of the people will prevail and justice be done.

Most of the events stated above are statements the pig reports consist of, and don't speak for the witnesses who know the truth of this fascist act.

This incident, and the one concerning the brutal beating of another Black brother are true examples of the calculated and systematic genocidal plan to destroy any and all people they feel might be potential revolutionaries.

Chief Pig Kelly, must think he and his storm troopers are immune to the danger of the wrath of the enraged, indignant community. He and all of his sadistic puppets will be brought before the tribune of the oppressed community; they will be tried by the people here in Babylon, who have been victimized through some form of this masochistic power structure, in their conspiracy against all ethnic minority groups and all people of the oppressed classes.

The Black Panther Party has investigated the incident and has evidence contrary to what the pigs reported. It is repelled by this fascist act and are informing the people that its main protection against these acts, lies in the correct methods of revolutionary theory put into practice, along with the correct methods of self-defense.

Number seven (7) of our Ten-Point Platform reads: We want an immediate end to police brutality and murder of Black People. We believe through political education the people will become more politically aware and defensively informed.

The leadership of this racist, federal, state, and city governments with their armed forces dispatched to the Black community with orders to shoot to kill, is deporting fascism in the highest degree. Their desperate efforts in trying to destroy the leadership of the class struggle, so that they may be able to deal directly with the un-organized, defenseless, divided masses combines the total picture of a well calculated plan of genocide of the oppressed masses.

Therefore the people face two alternatives; total liberation or total extinction. All organizations fighting for the rights of human beings and militant organizations within the city, have helped in this fight against this fascist system.

Since it is the desire of the Black community to want to live in a society free of fear and danger from the oppressive forces of the racist police, it is inevitable that the only way this can be accomplished and become reality, is an organized, united front against fascism. This correlated with the basic political desires and needs as outlined in the Program of the Black Panther Party, will ensure true freedom and liberation.

This is the only power that the state, federal and county governemts cannot destroy, when the people are prepared to defend itself.

This death only emphasizes the need to join in the liberation struggle, because everyone is affected and no one is immune to a fascist system.

At the present time no action has been taken against the officers, but the pressure by the community will not be in vain, because the people will rise like a mighty storm, like a hurricane, a force so swift and violent that no power, however great, will be able to hold it back.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE
FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS
EDUCATE TO LIBERATE

Billie Robinson, Deputy Min. of Information
Kansas City Chapter
Black Panther Party



SOUL ON ICE?

"IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL THE QUESTION OF THE PRISONER'S DEBT TO SOCIETY VERSUS SOCIETY'S DEBT TO THE PRISONER IS INJECTED FORCEFULLY INTO NATIONAL AND STATE POLITICS, INTO THE CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS STRUGGLE, AND INTO THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE BODY POLITIC. IT IS AN EXPLOSIVE ISSUE WHICH GOES TO THE VERY ROOT OF AMERICA'S SYSTEM OF JUSTICE, THE STRUCTURE OF CRIMINAL LAW, THE PREVAILING BELIEFS AND ATTITUDES TOWARD A CONVICTED FELON." (SOUL ON ICE, P.59)

Eldridge Cleaver made the decision to politically exile himself November 27th, on the basis that the Adult Authority made an outlaw decision, and that he has been denied his constitutional right to due process of law.

The revocation of Cleaver's parole was illegal, because no parole violation was committed.

The Adult Authority parole board has tried to maintain that Cleaver violated his parole by having a rifle in his possession, and by associating with individuals of bad reputation. This contention, we will show, is false. The Adult Authority version contradicts the Superior Court order itself:

"... Cleaver's only handling of a firearm (the rifle) was in obedience to a police command. He did not handle a hand gun at all. There was nothing one way or the other to show a conspiracy or a situation calling for the application of the doctrine of aiding and abetting. Hence, nothing supported either the possession of a firearm or the assault charge.

As to the charge of association with individuals of bad reputation, the report indicated that two or three of those named had "police records," but nothing to show whether any had been convicted of anything, or whether Cleaver knew of their arrest record." (Superior Court c.t. 137, 138, 140, 141.)

Parolee Cleaver was denied due process of law by being denied opportunity to present his case.

Why was Cleaver returned to prison as a parole violator if documented evidence to the contrary had been presented in his defense? To answer that question, one must examine the Adult Authority. This board has the right to arbitrarily revoke or suspend parole on any individual. At the same time, the Adult Authority maintains—falsely—that Cleaver has the opportunity to defend himself at a hearing. This is how it works:

"A parolee is served with violation charges, is interviewed, is given a hearing (before the Adult Authority itself, the charging party) at which the parolee may 'plead' to the parole violation charges, and is afforded an opportunity to present his defense."

"At the 'hearing' a parolee is denied the right to counsel, may not have an independent and impartial officer to conduct the hearing and make decision." (Petition for Hearing in the Supreme Court, p. 17)

Not only does the Adult Authority hold secret hearings, but it also refuses to notify persons under its jurisdiction of its procedures, or of its variable definitions of what constitutes a parole violation. This secrecy and vagueness is in direct violation of federal law which requires agencies to publish their procedures "for guidance of the public."

"Petitioner (Cleaver) is immediately and seriously prejudiced by the Adult Authority's unlawful refusal to publish its regulations, since he is to be imprisoned by virtue of an action which the Adult Authority still seeks to garb in this 'veil of secrecy.' (Petition for Hearing in the Supreme Court, p. 12)

Yes, the Adult Authority acted unjustly and illegally. Its decision was an outlaw decision. Cleaver had no chance of obtaining "justice" from these Star Chamber proceedings. Why then wouldn't the U.S. Supreme Court hear Cleaver's case? There are, we believe, three reasons why the case wasn't accepted. The first is that any fair minded court would obviously have released Cleaver, thereby setting a precedent. The second is that thousands of cases of alleged parole violation from all over California and other states would be subject to reversal. Thirdly, the illegal functioning of the Adult Authority would come under attack. The U.S. Supreme Court just couldn't afford to consider the Cleaver case during this turbulent period.

Eldridge Cleaver is a victim of naked, shameless political persecution. As Judge Sherwin puts it:

"... The uncontradicted evidence presented to this court indicated that the petitioner had been a model parolee. The peril to his parole status stemmed from no failure of personal rehabilitation, but from his undue eloquence in pursuing political goals, goals which were offensive to many of his contemporaries. Not only was there absence of cause for the cancellation of parole, it was the product of a type of pressure unbecoming, to say the least, to the law enforcement paraphernalia of this state."

Cleaver is in political exile because a man of his convictions cannot get justice here. Indeed, if we are to give more than lip service to the concepts of freedom and justice we must support him. The work to get him discharged from parole must continue. An intense publicity campaign is necessary now to bring to the public the legal defense and arguments which were carried to the courts with no satisfaction. We must all work together to focus attention of this case. This is not an issue of one man's freedom, but a broad struggle which affirms the right of all of us to speak out politically in this country. If Cleaver is not allowed his freedom, it is just a matter of time until all our freedoms are further reduced. His is not a personal struggle but a political one.

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I would like to join the efforts of all those who are working to defend Eldridge Cleaver from political persecution.

Please add my name to the list of sponsors of the International Committee to Defend Eldridge Cleaver.

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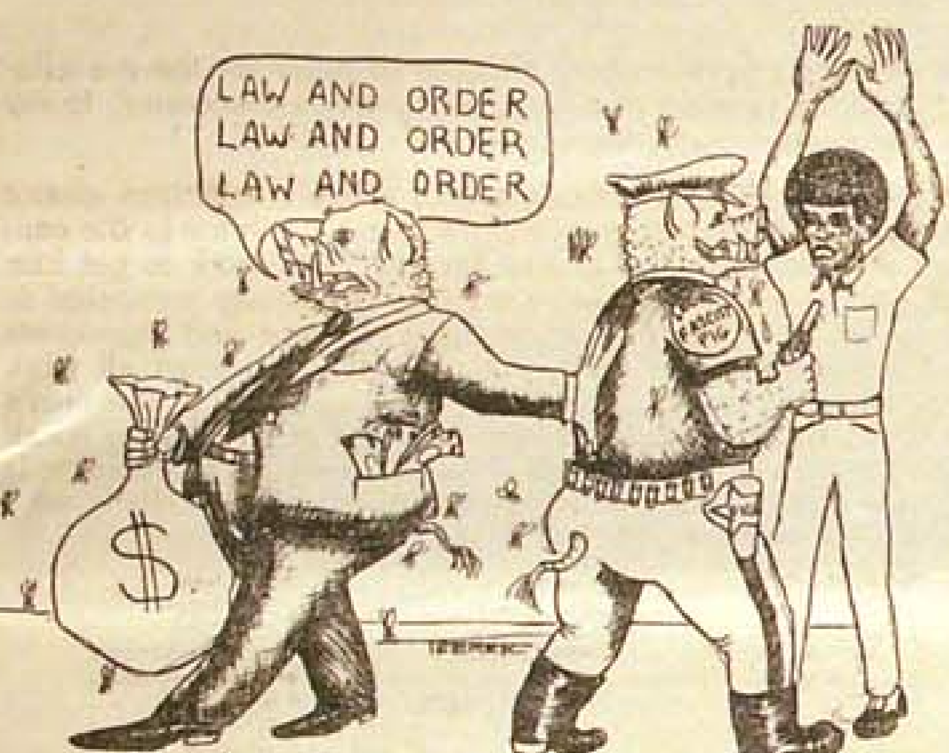
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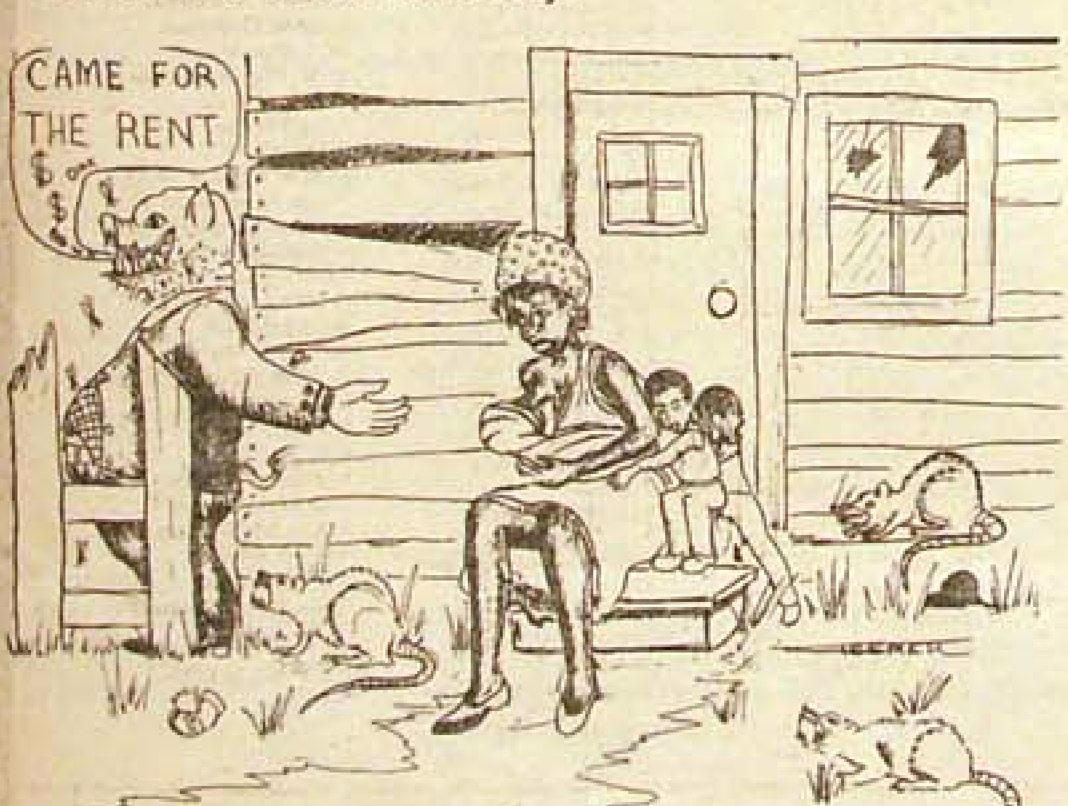
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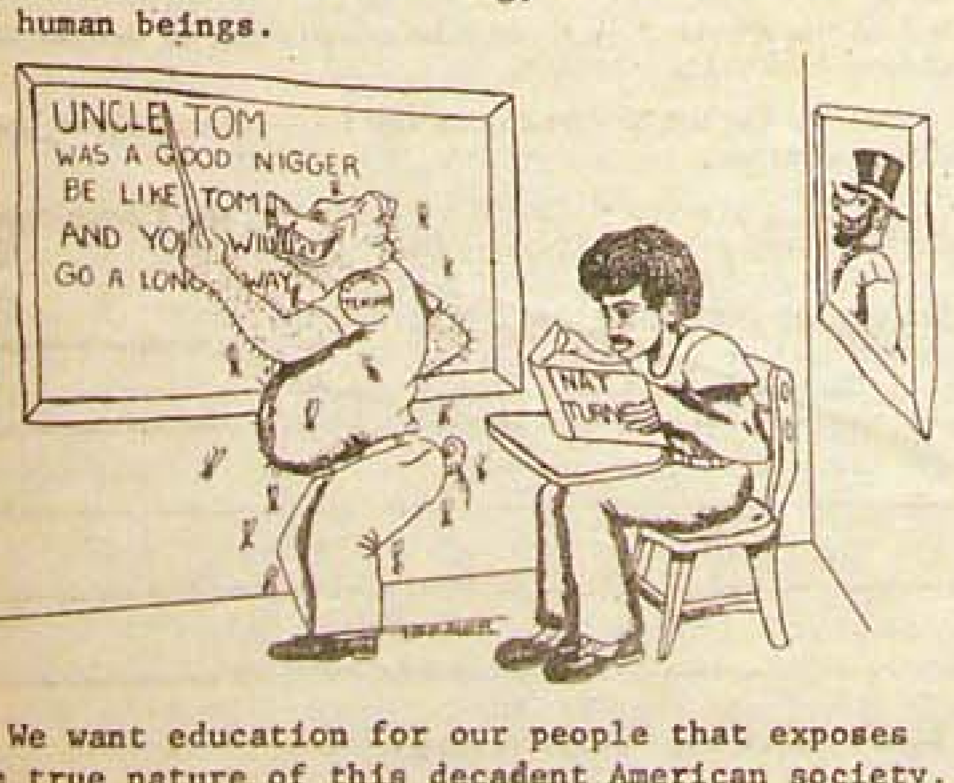
2. We want full employment for our people.



3. We want an end to the robbery by the capitalist of our Black Community.



4. We want decent housing, fit for shelter of human beings.



5. We want education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent American society. We want education that teaches us our true history and our role in the present-day society.



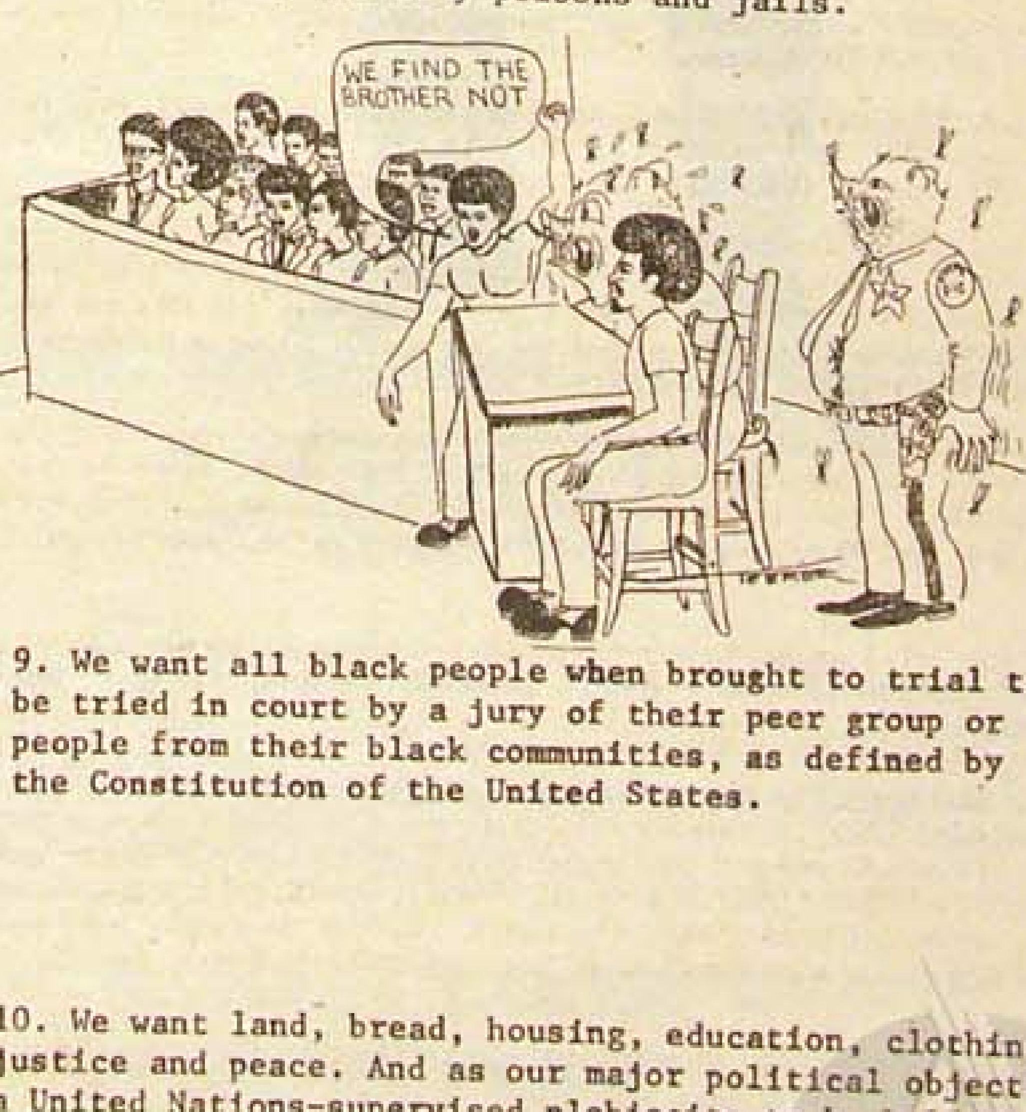
6. We want all black men exempt from military service.



7. We want an immediate end to POLICE BRUTALITY and MURDER of black people.



8. We want freedom for all black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails.



9. We want all black people when brought to trial to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group or people from their black communities, as defined by the Constitution of the United States.

10. We want land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace. And as our major political objective, a United Nations-supervised plebiscite to be held throughout the black colony in which only black colonial subjects will be allowed to participate, for the purpose of determining the will of black people as to their national destiny.

October 1966

Black Panther Party Platform and Program

What We Want What We Believe



FREE HUEY

Minister of Defense, Black Panther Party

1. We want freedom. We want power to determine the destiny of our Black Community.

We believe that black people will not be free until we are able to determine our destiny.

2. We want full employment for our people.

We believe that the federal government is responsible and obligated to give every man employment or a guaranteed income. We believe that if the white American businessmen will not give full employment, then the means of production should be taken from the businessmen and placed in the community so that the people of the community can organize and employ all of its people and give a high standard of living.

3. We want an end to the robbery by the CAPITALIST of our Black Community.

We believe that this racist government has robbed us and now we are demanding the overdue debt of forty acres and two mules. Forty acres and two mules was promised 100 years ago as restitution for slave labor and mass murder of black people. We will accept the payment in currency which will be distributed to our many communities. The Germans are now aiding the Jews in Israel for the genocide of the Jewish people. The Germans murdered six million Jews. The American racist has taken part in the slaughter of over fifty million black people; therefore, we feel that this is a modest demand that we make.

4. We want decent housing, fit for shelter of human beings.

We believe that if the white landlords will not give decent housing to our black community, then the housing and the land should be made into cooperatives so that our community, with government aid, can build and make decent housing for its people.

5. We want education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent American society. We want education that teaches us our true history and our role in the present-day society.

We believe in an educational system that will give to our people a knowledge of self. If a man does not have knowledge of himself and his position in society and the world, then he has little chance to relate to anything else.

6. We want all black men to be exempt from military service.

We believe that Black people should not be forced to fight in the military service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not fight and kill other people of color in the world who, like black people, are being victimized by the white racist government of America. We will protect ourselves from the force and violence of the racist police and the racist military, by whatever means necessary.

7. We want an immediate end to POLICE BRUTALITY and MURDER of black people.

We believe we can end police brutality in our black community by organizing black self-defense groups that are dedicated to defending our black community from racist police oppression and brutality. The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States gives a right to bear arms. We therefore believe that all black people should arm themselves for self-defense.

8. We want freedom for all black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails.

We believe that all black people should be released from the many jails and prisons because they have not received a fair and impartial trial.

9. We want all black people when brought to trial to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group or people from their black communities, as defined by the Constitution of the United States.

We believe that the courts should follow the United States Constitution so that black people will receive fair trials. The 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution gives a man a right to be tried by his peer group. A peer is a person from a similar economic, social, religious, geographical, environmental, historical and racial background. To do this the court will be forced to select a jury from the black community from which the black defendant came. We have been, and are being tried by all-white juries that have no understanding of the "average reasoning man" of the black community.

10. We want land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace. And as our major political objective, a United Nations-supervised plebiscite to be held throughout the black colony in which only black colonial subjects will be allowed to participate, for the purpose of determining the will of black people as to their national destiny.

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. **That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.** Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. **But, when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security.**

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RULES OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY

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Every member of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY throughout this country of racist America must abide by these rules as functional members of this party. CENTRAL COMMITTEE members, CENTRAL STAFFS, and LOCAL STAFFS, including all captains subordinate to either national, state, and local leadership of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY will enforce these rules. Length of suspension or other disciplinary action necessary for violation of these rules will depend on national decisions by national, state or state area, and local committees and staffs where said rule or rules of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY WERE VIOLATED.

Every member of the party must know these verbatum by heart. And apply them daily. Each member must report any violation of these rules to their leadership or they are counter-revolutionary and are also subjected to suspension by the BLACK PANTHER PARTY.

THE RULES ARE:

1. No party member can have narcotics or weed in his possession while doing party work.
2. Any party member found shooting narcotics will be expelled from this party.
3. No party member can be DRUNK while doing daily party work.
4. No party member will violate rules relating to office work, general meetings of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY, and meetings of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY ANYWHERE.
5. No party member will USE, POINT, or FIRE a weapon of any kind unnecessarily or accidentally at anyone.
6. No party member can join any other army force other than the BLACK LIBERATION ARMY.
7. No party member can have a weapon in his possession while DRUNK or loaded off narcotics or weed.
8. No party member will commit any crimes against other party members or BLACK people at all, and cannot steal or take from the people, not even a needle or a piece of thread.
9. When arrested BLACK PANTHER MEMBERS will give only name, address, and will sign nothing. Legal first aid must be understood by all Party members.
10. The Ten Point Program and platform of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY must be known and understood by each Party member.
11. Party Communications must be National and Local.
12. The 10-10-10-program should be known by all members and also understood by all members.
13. All Finance officers will operate under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Finance.
14. Each person will submit a report of daily work.
15. Each Sub-Section Leader Section Leader, Lieutenant, and Captain must submit Daily reports of work.
16. All Panthers must learn to operate and service weapons correctly.
17. All Leadership personnel who expel a member must submit this information to the Editor of the Newspaper, so that it will be published in the paper and will be known by all chapters and branches.
18. Political Education Classes are mandatory for general membership.
19. Only office personnel assigned to respective offices each day should be there. All others are to sell papers and do Political work out in the community, including Captains, Section Leaders, etc.
20. COMMUNICATIONS — all chapters must submit weekly reports in writing to the National Headquarters.
21. All Branches must implement First Aid and/or Medical Cadres.
22. All Chapters, Branches, and components of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY must submit a monthly Financial Report to the Ministry of Finance, and also the Central Committee.
23. Everyone in a leadership position must read no less than two hours per day to keep abreast of the changing political situation.
24. No chapter or branch shall accept grants, poverty funds, money or any other aid from any government agency without contacting the National Headquarters.
25. All chapters must adhere to the policy and the ideology laid down by the CENTRAL COMMITTEE of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY.
26. All Branches must submit weekly reports in writing to their respective Chapters.

8 POINTS OF ATTENTION

1) Speak politely.
2) Pay fairly for what you buy.
3) Return everything you borrow.
4) Pay for anything you damage.
5) Do not hit or swear at people.
6) Do not damage property or crops of the poor, oppressed masses.
7) Do not take liberties with women.
8) If we ever have to take captives do not ill-treat them.

3 MAIN RULES OF DISCIPLINE

1) Obey orders in all your actions.
2) Do not take a single needle or a piece of thread from the poor and oppressed masses.
3) Turn in everything captured from the attacking enemy.


ELDRIDGE IS FREE, AND WILL RETURN TO BABYLON SOON.